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Fowler defends Heseltine over 'smear'

Backbenchers seal Mates's fate tonight

By Philip Webster and Nicholas Wood

John Major is anxious that ministers should not be hounded out of office. If Michael Mates goes, another could soon be in the firing line

JOHN Major placed the fate of Michael Mates firmly in the hands of his MPs yesterday as he and his officials flatly refused to confirm that the besieged Northern Ireland minister enjoyed his full confidence.

Two key meetings of Tory MPs between 5 and 6.30 tonight are likely to settle the immediate future of the minister, who has made plain that he has no intention of voluntarily leaving the government over his links with the fugitive businessman Asil Nadir.

Close confidants of the prime minister said last night that the weekly meeting of the backbench 1922 Committee could be crucial in determining whether Mr Mates stays on or not. "If the drumbeats start to roll he will be in serious difficulties," one said.

Mr Major appears to have decided to leave judgment on Mr Mates to his party because he still believes that the minister, though foolish, was not guilty of a "hanging offence". That was the phrase he used in the Commons earlier this month when making clear that he had no plans to sack Mr Mates. Further disclosures since then — including the fact that Mr Mates asked a Nadir adviser to lend him a car for his estranged wife — are not held to have changed the position.

Mr Mates is not regarded by Sir Robin Butler, the cabinet secretary, as having broken the rules governing ministers' behaviour and Mr Major was said to regard the car loan as relatively trivial. The prime minister's confidants suggest that he is anxious to prevent the media hounding ministers out of office and there are fears within the government that if Mr Mates were to go, someone else would soon be in the firing line.

The same confidants, however, concede that if Mr Mates is seen to have lost the confidence and support of a big majority of Tory MPs, he will have to go. Those opinions will be tested tonight, first at a meeting of the 18-strong executive of the 1922 Committee, which begins at 5, and probably at the full meeting of the committee an hour later.

If the executive feels that Mr Mates should soldier on, there may be an attempt to discourage a debate at the full meeting. Mr Mates would then be out of the mire, provided there are no further damaging disclosures. If the backbenchers rise up in force against him, he will be out.

Both those for and against Mr Mates were, however, voicing growing impatience last night at what they called the prime minister's indecisive handling of the issue. One loyalist said: "Mr Mates is not helping the prime minister and the prime minister is not helping himself."

Downing Street refused persistently yesterday to back up Mr Mates's own assertion on Tuesday that he had Mr Major's full confidence. In the Commons, the prime minister declined the invitation of Dennis Skinner, the Labour MP for Bolsover, to give Mr Mates his endorsement, sidestepping Mr Skinner's question after reporting back on the Copenhagen summit. Officials meanwhile used the tested formula that Mr Mates, like all his ministers, had Mr Major's support. Such expressions have not prevented earlier resignations.

Keith Hampson, MP for Leeds North-West, and a former parliamentary private secretary to Mr Heseltine, claimed most Tories were "coming back" to the belief that Mr Mates had done nothing to warrant his resignation. "The majority of colleagues have looked at this," Mr Hampson said. "They are saying, 'Let's stop stirring this up, let's stop feeding the press'."

The continuing doubts over Mr Mates overshadowed the row over Labour allegations that Michael Heseltine, still in hospital in Venice after his heart attack, was the intermediary who arranged the payment of some £7 million of Saudi money for the Tory election campaign.

Sir Brian Wyldbore-Smith, who was the director of the treasurers' department at Conservative Central Office during the last election, denied on Channel 4 last night that there was ever such a donation from one source.

Sir Norman Fowler, the Conservative chairman, meanwhile called on John Smith to disown Clive Soley, the Labour MP who made the allegation in the Commons under the protection of parliamentary privilege.

He said Labour had smeared the one cabinet minister who was not in a position to defend himself. "To issue a baseless personal attack against a man within 48 hours of him suffering a heart attack is offensive and disgraceful," he said. Labour was conducting an unprincipled campaign of smears, false allegations and downright lies. "John Smith has recently made speeches calling for politics to be conducted on the moral high ground. But his party's recent behaviour has been to wade through the sewer about as far from the high ground as it is possible to get."

Mr Soley said Sir Norman could clear the air by publishing a full list of Tory donations.

Larry Whitty, Labour's general secretary, yesterday told a Commons committee investigating party funding that if the government did not make force parties to reveal sources of finance, Labour would name large-scale donors.

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CHRIS HARRIS

Vive de Gaulle: Admiral Philippe de Gaulle, the general's son, and Jacques Chirac, mayor of Paris, at the ceremony

The statue de Gaulle didn't want

By Alan Hamilton

LOOKING pale and at times a little unsteady on her feet, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother yesterday unveiled a statue of Charles de Gaulle, to commemorate the French statesman's wartime exile in London.

She was the 40-year-old Queen Consort of a nation at war when one of the greatest, and certainly the tallest, of Frenchmen, ten years her senior, escaped from his fallen nation in 1940. He lived in a suburban home in Petts Wood, on the London and Kent border, and established his headquarters-in-exile in Carlton Gardens, Westminster, where yesterday's ceremony took place.

Honouring the memory of a man whom the Americans allowed to lead the liberation march down the Champs-Elysées, 14 years before he was chosen to lead his people, was the result of three years' campaigning by Lady Soames. She is the daughter of Sir Winston Churchill, with whom *mon général* enjoyed frequently stormy relations. The ceremony was attended by Admiral Philippe de Gaulle, the son of the former president, and other members of his family.

De Gaulle requested that there be no statues of him, and that in Carlton Gardens is among the first to breach his wish. Yesterday in *Le Figaro*, the writer and *Académie Française* member Jean d'Ormesson called for a statue of Churchill to be erected at a location in Paris to match that unveiled in London yesterday. Anglo-Gallic rivalry has its moments of forgiveness.

All eyes, however, were not on historical allusion but on the health of the doyenne of the British royal family, who is 93. She was taken recently

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Ministers ignore revised Rosyth bid

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

MINISTERS have decided to ignore a last-minute bid by Rosyth for the Trident submarine refit contract despite the fact that it cuts the cost by £70 million.

A cabinet sub-committee meeting yesterday was told of the proposal but agreed it was unreasonable to expect it to be properly assessed at such a late stage. When the full cabinet meets today to choose Rosyth or Devonport for the 30-year contract, the new bid from Babcock Thorn, managers of the Scottish yard, will therefore not be discussed.

Malcolm Rifkind, the defence secretary, delayed the decision in December to take account of a new bid from Rosyth. He is now not prepared to postpone the matter again. A source close to him said yesterday that if the latest offer from Rosyth were studied by ministers and officials, then DML, the Devonport yard management company, would also want to submit a revised proposal, "and so it would go on".

A spokesman for Babcock Thorn, whose previous bid was for about £130 million, said last night: "If the new bid is not considered, there will be a hell of an uproar."

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Europe and US agree arms ban on Muslims will stay

By Eve-Ann Prentice and Our Foreign Staff

IN an attempt to bolster peace talks under way in Geneva last night, Europe and America yesterday retreated from any move to arm Bosnia's Muslims.

John Major added to the pressure on Bosnia's protagonists to reach an agreement when he hinted that United Nations and European Community sanctions could be extended to Croatia. He reaffirmed his opposition to lifting the arms embargo on the republic's Muslims and made plain that Britain has not completely ruled out the possibility of sending further troops to police the Muslim "safe areas".

Mr Major's opposition to lifting the arms ban was echoed in Paris and Copenhagen. There was a divergence from this stand, however, by Hans Van den Broek, the EC's external relations commissioner. He warned the European Parliament that time was running out for the establishment of safe havens in Bosnia and that allowing arms through to the besieged Muslim communities might be inevitable. Mr Van den Broek nonetheless emphasised that the EC's preference was for the safe areas to be made truly safe with 7,500 extra troops.

Britain and France appear to have averted another rift with America by dissuading it from supporting a UN resolution supported by the non-aligned countries to arm the Muslims. In urgent behind-the-scenes consultations, Britain and France argued that the resolution would undercut the Geneva negotiations.

Serb and Croat leaders met Lord Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg, the international mediators, for the secretive talks which focus on dividing the republic on ethnic lines. The Muslim president, Alija Izetbegovic, stayed away in protest. Slobodan Milosevic, the Serb president, and Franjo Tudjman, the Croatian president, presented partition maps to Lord Owen and Mr Stoltenberg at a three-hour session in a screened-off lakeside villa near Geneva.

Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb leader, was also present at the talks, but Mate Boban, the Bosnian Croat leader, was unexpectedly absent. Seven members of the

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Opt-out schools still wait for budget

By Ben Preston, Education Reporter

NINE out of ten schools that left council control to escape red tape are still waiting for a final budget from Whitehall almost three months into the new financial year, official figures disclosed yesterday.

Only 59 out of 491 grant maintained schools have received their final budgets for this year from the education department, according to a parliamentary written answer by Robin Squire, junior education minister.

The finding sparked a fierce attack from Labour and criticism from grant maintained headteachers as ministers announced new measures requiring local education authorities (LEAs) to devolve extra cash to their remaining schools. The package includes an attempt to curb the rate of expulsions with schools losing funding for a pupil — about £2,225 on average for secondary schools — immediately they are ordered to leave.

Under the new framework for local management, LEAs must pass on 90 per cent of school budgets by April 1995. Ministers claim that the change from the present 85 per cent level will place an extra £300 million in the hands of governors and headteachers.

Ann Taylor, shadow education spokeswoman, accused the government of alarming incompetence in its handling of grant maintained school budgets. "If the education department cannot even decide how much money grant-maintained schools should be spending when fewer than 500 schools are involved, what makes Mr Patten think he can run 25,000 of them?"

Peter Hawksworth, head teacher of Kirkby Stephen grammar school, near Kendal, Cumbria, said the department's performance was totally unsatisfactory. His school received notification yesterday that its initial proposed budget was being reducing by £30,000 to £776,00, a figure that was still not definitive. "The situation, almost three months into the financial year, makes forward planning almost impossible."

Mr Hawksworth said the school now faced the daunting prospect of clawing back a sum equivalent to two full-time teaching posts. "We received final budgets faster while under local authority control," he said.

The education department said the process of informing grant-maintained schools of their budgets was running ahead of last year. All would be informed of a final figure by the end of August, with half receiving notification this month, a spokesman said.

The failure of eight LEAs to meet a March 31 deadline for returning information which affected calculations had hampered the exercise, he added.

☐ The two head teachers' associations are demanding substantial cuts in the national curriculum, but cannot agree on what should replace the current ten-subject framework (John O'Leary writes).

The Secondary Heads Association has recommended to the review group chaired, by Sir Ron Dearing, that only mathematics, English and science should be compulsory for four of the ten years covered by the curriculum. But the National Association of Head Teachers, in a submission published today, calls for all ten subjects to be retained.

Bottomley spares Harefield

By Jeremy Laurance and Arthur Leathley

HAREFIELD hospital, west London, the world's largest heart transplant centre, yesterday won a temporary reprieve from Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, after a report recommended it for closure.

In the Commons only hours after publication of a review of cardiac services which recommended that five of London's 14 heart centres should be cut or transferred, Mrs Bottomley said she "did not see any prospect of Harefield moving from its present site in the near future".

Nine hospitals have protested loudly after recommendations in six independent reviews of the capital's medical specialties that some major centres for cancer, heart, and renal services should close to concentrate resources.

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Nervous fingers do the talking

Visitors to the Commons Chamber should study the two dispatch boxes, government and Opposition. Oak, overlaid with brass corners, they stand on opposite sides of the table dividing the front benches. Nobody ever seems to open them: they serve as lecterns. Ministers "at the dispatch box" for questions stand here. Opposition shadows facing them.

Look hard at the four corners of the top face of each box. Here the brass is rubbed shiny by the fidgeting fingers of nervous ministers. The near corner is worn away, a shallow, thumb-shaped depression. Five minutes standing there can take upon the blood pressure the toll that five weeks of routine work away from the Chamber might exact. Michael Heseltine, recovering, and John Smith, recovered, were lucky. One Welsh minister suffered a fatal heart-attack as he gripped the dispatch box.

Yesterday, with Mr Heseltine still in hospital and junior ministers taking his place for industry questions, I decided to ignore speech and watch instead those hands on those dispatch boxes. What were *they saying*?

Patrick McLoughlin, a big, bluff junior minister, was asked whether uncertainty over the future of the Post Office was not a matter of "feeble, frightened fumbling and fat fees for consultants". McLoughlin plonked his hands onto the box, like a butcher setting down two sides of ham on the counter. "No," he said. Plonk. A man *more of action than* philosophy.

Fellow minister Neil Hamilton is a thinker. Behind a jokey exterior and an atrocious range of bow ties crouches an anxious intellect, sensitive, beleagured and rather intense. In a party which is not short of clever wets or stupid reactionaries, Hamilton occupies a lonely position on the intelligent Right.As he answered on the brewing industry, I watched his hands. They wandered; they shook; they clasped and unclasped. They clutched the edge of the box as one might a lifebelt in a storm. They buttoned and unbuttoned his jacket, tugged at his cuffs. They clawed, then rubbed, then patted the lid, as though to subdue some demon inside it. Through all this, Hamilton's voice was steady, his tone one of apparently unruffled confidence. I remember, ten years ago, watching Angela Rumbold's knees shaking as she delivered a maiden speech of serene assurance.

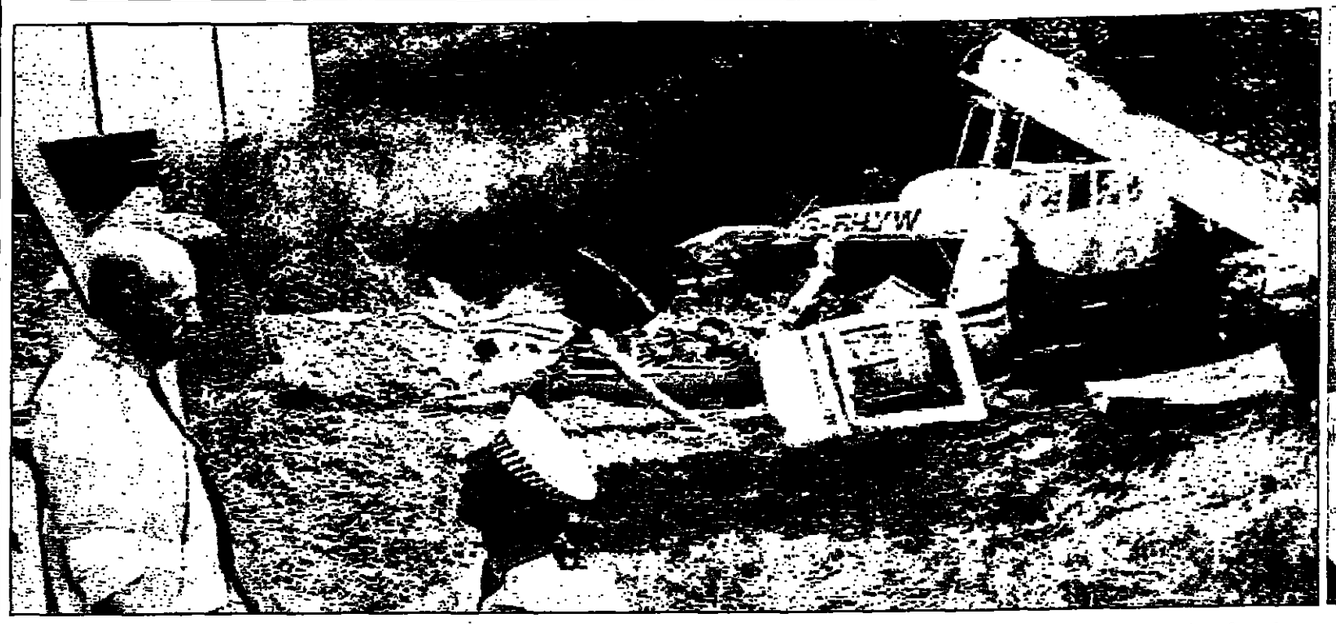
A Labour spokesman, Derek Foster, challenged Hamilton. The tone was angry, shocked; the words impatient. But Foster's hands were relaxed, his fingers at rest as he leaned his elbows on the dispatch box, shifting his weight forward.

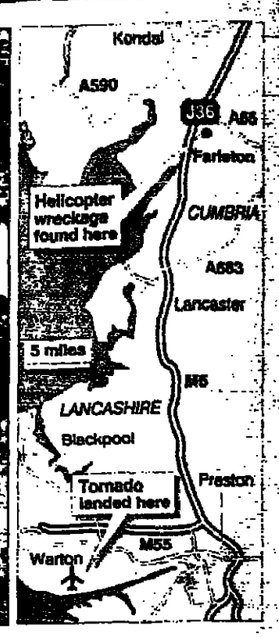
Another junior minister, Tim Eggar, faced Labour's Robin Cook. They were talking about coal mines. Eggar — sallow, hefty, menacing in a relaxed sort of way — juts his jaw like a bleached Mike Tyson. Forearms laid along the dispatch box, knuckles folded, he hunched one shoulder towards Cook but kept his body quite still. Cook, garden gnome mainlining on carotene, interleaved his fingers tightly and emphasised his words by squeezing hands together and chopping at the lid of the box with the sides of tightly squeezed palms: *tense, staccato, controlled.*

Our last vignette is Virginia Bottomley, who faced her shadow, Dave Blunkett, with a statement about specialised medical services. Her posture elegant and straight, Mrs Bottomley simply laid her hands on the dispatch box, six inches apart, her fingers outspread.

Blunkett escaped analysis. He was reading braille.

Fatal helicopter collision with RAF Tornado renews debate on low-flying





Death crash: police examining the helicopter in which two men died yesterday when it collided with a low-flying RAF Tornado jet over the Lake District (Ronald Faux writes). The Tornado, with two crew on board, made an emergency landing at the British Aerospace airfield at Warton, Lancashire. The aircraft lost one engine and all its instruments. The pilot reported he had suffered a bird strike.

The Bell JetRanger helicopter was surveying pipes near the M6 when it was hit by the Tornado. A witness saw it spiral into the ground after losing its tail rotor. The pilot was named last night as Robert Reid of Chirnside, Borders, and his passenger was Alan Tucker of Kendal, Cumbria. The aircraft was operated by Lakeside Helicopters, based at Edinburgh.

The Tornado was on a routine training flight from Brüggen in Germany. The pilot and navigator were uninjured. It is understood that the pilot reported damage before the emergency landing. The Tornado is a rugged aircraft built to withstand heavy damage from anti-aircraft defences.

Yesterday the defence ministry admitted that a Logan Air Shorts 360 passenger jet flying from Leeds-Bradford to Glasgow was involved in a near miss with an RAF Tornado 12 miles north of Skipton in North Yorkshire on Tuesday.

The accident follows another collision recently in which the pilot of a light aircraft taking photographs near Welshpool died after being hit by an RAF Jaguar.

☐ A formation flypast by five Hercules transport aircraft concluded a memorial service yesterday to the nine aircrew who died in a crash near Blair Atholl, Tayside, last month.

Taxpayers are clear winners in contest for navy contract

BY ROSS TIERMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THERE is already one winner in the battle between Devonport and Rosyth dockyards for the contract to refit the Royal Navy's Trident submarines — *the taxpayer.*

Little more than two years ago, navy engineers estimated it would cost more than £500 million to build a refitting facility for the huge Trident nuclear missile carriers. Today Allan Smith, managing director of Rosyth Dockyard in Fife, says he can do the job for just over a tenth of that.

It is hard to make a better case for private-sector involvement in fleet maintenance. Whatever the doubts about the viability, and the timing, of Rosyth's eleventh-hour offer to *provide a refitting facility for* just £70 million, private-sector thinking has clearly brought some new ideas to the problem of keeping the navy's warships up to scratch.

Privatisation of the dockyards began in 1987, when two consortia were selected to run the navy's two remaining refitting yards. Devonport, with an annual turnover of £250 million, has become the main centre for modernisation and repair of surface ships, although it has also refitted six nuclear submarines. Rosyth has generated nearly all of its £180 million annual revenue from refurbishing nuclear submarines.

The navy long ago decided that Rosyth was to be the centre for Trident refitting and refuelling. It designed a new dock complex and spent £120 million preparing foundations capable of withstanding a major earthquake. But pressure for economies caused a rethink. The defence ministry invited both yards to bid.

Rosyth initially redrew the navy's original plans, offering to finish them for £267 million. Devonport offered to convert a first world war battleship dock for less. Rosyth tabled a similar proposal, and by the start of the week, Devonport was about £10 million ahead, with an offer of £120 million.

Rosyth has now offered to beat that with a £70 million scheme, which would use the emergency Trident docking cradle, already in place at a cost of £20 million pending completion of a permanent facility.

The lesson of the Trident refit saga is that the private sector is best equipped to offering a menu of solutions of varying sophistication. That conclusion is reinforced by the £70 million savings that will be achieved on the £150 million construction of the navy's new helicopter carrier. Swan Hunter on Tyneside lost the order after VSEL proposed having a hull built by the Kvaerner Govan merchant shipyard on the Clyde, which it will then fit out at Barrow-in-Furness, Cumbria.

The choice between Rosyth and Devonport is one that could have been left to the private sector. Last August, the government invited expressions of interest from companies prepared to acquire the yards outright. Devonport and Rosyth offered to assume joint responsibility for their operations and other approaches were made.

In an era of competitive tendering, the traditional distinction between private construction yards and state-owned refit yards has become an anachronism. Provided that strategic criteria are met, the taxpayer will be best served if market forces are left to decide which facilities are retained and developed.

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to Aberdeen Royal Infirmary for a minor throat operation, and missed last week's Garter ceremony at Windsor as well as Royal Ascot. Staff said she was tired, but later admitted that she had suffered a bout of flu. She recovered to attend the last, unregal, day of the Ascot meeting on Saturday.

Yesterday, in turquoise coat and hat, she appeared well but occasionally had to lean on her umbrella. Her age is sometimes too easy to forget, such is her enthusiasm for public performance.

In a quiet but steady voice, she said: "It gives me very great pleasure to unveil a statue to Charles de Gaulle, a great Frenchman, a great patriot, whose life and achievements were so important to France and to us."

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, whose dealings with the French are occasionally more acrimonious than those once enjoyed by the Queen Mother, hosted a reception. He said: "She seemed very well. She talked to everybody, she speaks French fluently, and she thoroughly enjoyed it. At the end she said she was very moved at seeing old friends from the past."

De Gaulle died, aged 80, in 1970. His wartime patron seems destined to outlive him yetawhile.

Rebel Anglicans turn to Orthodoxy

BY RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

UP TO 22 dissident Anglican clergy plan to leave the Church of England and join one of the independent Orthodox churches based mainly in eastern Europe.

The priests, who met in Birmingham to discuss the plan, will each take up to 60 parishioners with them. The catalyst for their departure was the vote last November to ordain women priests, although most say they intended to leave in any case.

Most rebel Anglican priests intend to become Roman Catholics. These are the first to openly commit themselves to Orthodoxy, which separated from the Roman Catholic church in the 11th century.

The decision came as the bishops of the Church of England met to conclude proposals for opponents of women priests who wish to stay within the church. Dr George Carey and Dr John Habgood, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, will today disclose arrangements for clergy unable to accept the ministry of women.

However, the would-be Orthodox say no concessions will change their minds. They intend to adopt a western Orthodox service, about one hour long, compared to three hours for the average eastern Orthodox service.

The Rev Charles MacDonnell, vicar of St Elwyn's at Hayle, Cornwall, said nine clergy would leave as soon as they qualify for compensation agreed by the General Synod. This will be on the ordination of the first woman priest, next February. The remainder will wait and observe the progress of the first to leave.

Fr MacDonnell, spokesman for the group, will approach one of the four main Orthodox patriarchs. The most likely is the Antiochian patriarch, Ignatius IV, who for 30 years has been taking in western-rite Orthodox churches in the United States. The clergy will establish congregations and regular worship before they petition a patriarch.

Joining the Orthodox church solves the problem of married clergy. Orthodoxy allows married priests, although bishops must be celibate.

Carey: meeting bishops to conclude proposals

Royal warrant battle

BY STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

MICHAEL Howard, the home secretary, faces a court battle over his decision to sack Wyn Jones, the top Scotland Yard officer left on paid leave for 2½ years over allegations of misconduct.

Yesterday the Home Office confirmed that after studying a report on the allegations against Mr Jones Mr Howard had decided to ask the Queen to remove the policeman's royal warrant. Officers of Mr Jones's rank are appointed by a warrant and can only be removed if the warrant is taken away.

Mr Jones, one of the four assistant commissioners at the Yard, is the most senior police officer ever to face disciplinary action and the highest rank ever to face losing his job. A tribunal found grounds for misconduct over allegations about the use of an official car.

Sellafield cancer link 'unproven'

BY NICK NUTTALL
TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

EVIDENCE of a link between childhood cancers and emissions at the Sellafield nuclear reprocessing plant is unsupported by scientific research, the High Court was told yesterday.

Kenneth Rokison, acting for British Nuclear Fuels Ltd, said *a study showing that the* children of fathers working at the plant were twice as likely to develop leukaemia was scientifically questionable and "a very fragile basis" on which to found allegations of a causal link. The findings, made by the late Dr Martin Gardner, were not backed up by similar studies at Dounreay, Caithness and Aldermaston, he said.

Mr Rokison was summing up the defence in a High Court hearing of two damages claims, seen as test cases, from Cumbrian families that each had a father working at the plant and children who developed cancers.

It is the first time that a British court has been asked to decide personal injury claims based on alleged genetic damage passed to children via the father's sperm or the mother's egg. Up to 40 other claims for damages against BNFL may rest on the outcome.

☐ Operations at Sellafield have been halted because of a blockage in a pipe carrying radioactive waste. Last night engineers said there was a physical obstruction in the pipe, quashing speculation that it was a bubble of hydrogen capable of exploding. The shutdown, which began on Monday, could cost BNFL up to £1 million a day.

LSE rejects plan to charge students

Academics at the London School of Economics yesterday decisively rejected a proposal to make the college the first in Britain to charge all undergraduates for tuition. The scheme, championed by Dr John Ashworth, the LSE's director, would have signalled the first major break with the principle of free higher education.

Dr Ashworth argued that "top up" fees of up to £1,000 a year were needed to head off looming financial difficulties. The LSE faces a possible deficit of £250,000 next year. Dr John Barnes, a member of the working party which produced the proposal, likened the institution to the *Titanic* heading for an iceberg. However, senior academics voted 75-9 *to reject fees for undergraduates.*

Casey's claim examined

Police in the Irish republic are investigating claims by Declan "Beano" Casey, a former police informer inside the IRA, that he took part in the 1987 murder of an RUC constable in co. Donegal. They are said to be concerned that Mr Casey's RUC handlers may have known about the murder plan but done nothing to stop it.

Bribes case acquittal

Shigiki Furutate, 40, a London-based executive of the Japanese conglomerate C Itoh, was cleared of conspiring to cheat BP's tendering system for North Sea oil contracts by paying dishonest information brokers for the firm's secrets. He told Southwark Crown Court in south London he did not know BP officials were being bribed.

Bomb woman homeless

A High Court judge ruled that a mother who fled Belfast after a bomb exploded near her house should be classed as homeless and rehoused by Brent council, north London. Mr Justice Tucker said Ciara McManus, 36, who has a teenage daughter, had suffered psychiatric problems and the bomb attack on an army patrol was "the final straw".

Prince opens gallery

The Prince of Wales officially opened the £3.3 million Tate Gallery in St Ives, Cornwall, yesterday, calling the glittering white building, on the site of a former gas works, a *"remarkable achievement". More than 100 works will be on* view at any time from the Tate's collection of paintings, drawings and ceramics by artists of the St Ives school.

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Barmaid was three times over limit

Drunk driver given 3½ years for killing mother and baby

BY RICHARD DUCE

AN UNEMPLOYED barmaid whose drunken driving caused the death of a young mother and her unborn baby was jailed for three and a half years yesterday.

Jill Young, 48, was so drunk that her car mounted a pavement in Blackwater, Hampshire, last September and seriously injured Linda Wolage, 28, and her husband Andrew, Winchester Crown Court was told.

In hospital doctors lost their fight to save Mrs Wolage, who was eight months pregnant, but they successfully performed a Caesarean operation to deliver her baby daughter. The child, named Hannah at birth, survived for 36 hours but died in the arms of her father.

Judge Tucker QC told Young, who admitted causing death by dangerous driving: "You must have been in considerable peril of being charged with manslaughter. It follows that a severe sentence is needed." She also received a seven-year ban and will have to take an extended test before she can drive again.

Young: pictured by an artist in the dock

Richard Price, for the prosecution, said that Young, from Blackwater, who was arrested at the scene, was found slumped over the steering wheel. She was later found to be almost three times over the drink-drive limit.

Before the crash she had already collided with another car and narrowly missed two children who had been standing outside her driveway. Mrs and Mrs Wolage had been out walking near their home when the Fiesta careered into Mrs Wolage, hurling her 17 yards through a fence and into a garden.

Mr Price said: "Mrs Young simply did not take the bend. She continued driving straight along the road. One neighbour who went out to the accident thought the defendant was the only person involved. It took some time before [the Wolages] were found. A lamp-post was demolished and a 30mph sign was thrown some distance up the road."

Mr and Mrs Wolage were taken to Frimley Park Hospital in Surrey after the accident on September 5 last year. Mrs Wolage died there the next morning. Mr Price said: "The baby survived for 36 hours, but died of a direct consequence of this accident."

Mr Wolage, who was in court yesterday, suffered mutiple fractures and still has restricted movement in his shoulder. Mr Price said that Young had shown little emotion when interviewed by police about the incident but Jonathan Davis, for the defence, said that she was now filled with remorse.

"Lives have clearly been shattered by the events that took place," he said. "Mrs Young told me that she thinks of Mr Wolage on an almost daily basis."

Young admitted causing the deaths of Linda and Hannah Wolage by driving dangerously and also failing to stop at the scene of the earlier accident when she hit another car.

The court heard that Young had been drinking earlier in the day at a pub and then decided to visit her boy friend with whom she had quarrelled. The couple have since married.

Mr Davis said she had driven her car during a panic attack because she had been unable to contact her fiancé by telephone. She had a history of alcoholism and dependency on tranquillisers.

The judge told Young: "I am acutely conscious of two groups of people in this court — one your family who see before them a shattered and broken women who will be thinking what can be the benefit of imprisoning you for a long length of time; on the other those who think no punishment, however great, can compensate for the immensity of their loss and adequately reflect what you did."

Under guard: Steffi Graf, right, with a posse of security guards, retreats at speed from press photographers at Wimbledon yesterday

Wimbledon to act on list of men who stalk players

BY JOHN GOODBODY
SPORTS NEWS CORRESPONDENT

A LIST of men who stalk women tennis players is to be issued to Wimbledon organisers after it was disclosed that the man who shouted at Steffi Graf on court on Tuesday has a long history of following her.

Kurt zum Felde, 29, has been arrested by police in Steffi's home town of Bruehl, near Frankfurt, on numerous occasions but had no trouble gaining access to the Wimbledon championships and securing a front-row seat. The Wimbledon authorities said yesterday they had received no warning about Mr zum Felde and had not been told that he was apparently obsessed with Miss Graf, despite an incident caused by him at the French Open last month.

Now Members of the Women's Tennis Association (WTA), which includes all the leading players such as Graf, Martina Navratilova and Monica Seles, will hold a meeting later this month to decide its strategy. Ana Leaird, a WTA official, said that names would be passed to tournament organisers when complaints were made by members.

After the incident on Tuesday Mr zum Felde was interviewed by police and, although not charged, was barred from attending the rest of the championships. In Frankfurt, police said that Mr zum Felde was mentally disturbed. "He is madly in love with Miss Graf and does not seem to realise he is going too far."

His photograph has now been distributed to officials at the 13 gates at the All-England Club. Before play began yesterday, Miss Graf was escorted by two security guards as she practised for 20 minutes and then, with six more close by, she sprinted away from photographers.

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Maths puzzle solved after 300 years

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

FERMAT'S Last Theorem — the puzzle that has mystified mathematicians for more than three centuries — has finally been solved.

Professor Andrew Wiles, a British-born mathematician at Princeton University, announced the solution yesterday in a lecture at the Isaac Newton Institute for Mathematical Sciences in Cambridge. The theorem is famous for its simplicity and romantic history. Prizes have been offered for successful solutions, but never claimed. Solving the problem is considered the mathematical equivalent of splitting the atom.

Pierre de Fermat, a 17th-century French mathematician and judge, started the quest when he wrote the theorem in the margin of a notebook, together with the remark: "I have found an admirable proof of this theorem, but the margin is too narrow to contain it."

The theorem is that the equation:

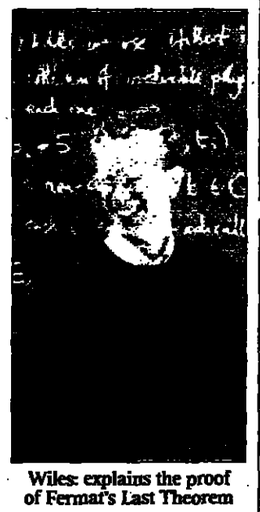
$$x^n + y^n = z^n$$

has no whole-number solution when n is greater than two. Thus three squared plus four squared equals five squared: but there is no equivalent equation for cubes, or any higher order. Since Fermat wrote down the theorem, it has become the mathematical equivalent of Schubert's *Unfinished Symphony*.

Simple as it seems, proving the theorem requires immensely sophisticated mathematics. Trial-and-error methods using computers have shown that there are no whole numbers up to 125,000 for which the equation has solutions, but this is not the same as a proof.

More incorrect proofs have been published than for any other theorem. But Professor John Coates, of the institute, said the audience in Cambridge was persuaded that Professor Wiles had indeed cracked the problem.

Professor Coates said that no simple explanation of the proof was possible, but there was general agreement that Professor Wiles, a former Cambridge student, had found it. His solution will now be subjected to careful examination.



Wiles: explains the proof of Fermat's Last Theorem

Police issue description in gay-killer hunt

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

POLICE last night issued a detailed description of a man they want to question in connection with the killing of Emanuel Spiteri, the most recent victim of the gay serial killer in London.

Scotland Yard also confirmed that it had received information from other men who had been attacked in a similar manner to the five men who were either strangled or suffocated during the past three months.

The main detectives want to trace was seen with Mr Spiteri, 42, in the days before he was found dead in the garden of the flat he was buying in Catford, southeast London.

He is described by police as white, aged approximately 30 to 40, heavily built and 6ft or more in height. He was a full to ruddy face, short dark brown hair, is clean shaven and has dirty, discoloured teeth. He was casually dressed in a dark jacket and jeans and had been seen in a number of gay areas of London.

Det Chief Supt Kenneth John, who is co-ordinating the investigations into the five killings, said: "It is important we identify this man because he may have important information regarding the last movements of Mr Spiteri."

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Treasure hunter loses band battle

BY RICHARD DUCE

A BUSINESSMAN lost a three-year legal battle yesterday to establish that a gold Bronze Age neckband he uncovered with a metal detector, which could be worth up to £5 million, was his to sell.

Graham Chaddock, 56, has spent £50,000 attempting to prove that the 3,000-year-old gold torc was not buried for safe-keeping; as such it is treasure trove and property of the Crown. At a second treasure trove inquest in Salisbury, Wiltshire, yesterday, forced by Mr Chaddock in the High Court, a jury again determined that the torc was the property of the Crown.

Mr Chaddock, of Trowbridge, Wiltshire, had fought unsuccessfully to prove that whoever buried the torc he uncovered in a field near Warminister had intended that it be lost forever.

After the verdict yesterday, Mr Chaddock said: "It is worth millions. Why should the Crown be allowed to steal it? If you find something and you hand it to the police and it is not claimed you can keep it. But with this law they steal it from you.

"It is not just a question of the money, it is the whole principle."

Dr Ian Kinnes, assistant keeper of antiquities at the British Museum, said: "It is a very fair verdict. The torc is a significant find and it enhances local history." Dr Kinnes declined to confirm that Mr Chaddock had been offered a £75,000 ex-gratia payment for his find.

An independent valuation committee will sit to determine the value of the torc, variously valued at between £75,000 and £5 million.

Treasure trove inquests are held into findings of gold or silver where the owner or known dependants cannot be traced. If the jury determines the object was lost or abandoned by the original owner, it can be kept by the finder. If it is thought to have been hidden for safekeeping, the object is declared treasure trove and the Crown's property. The finder is then normally compensated by the Crown.

Crown property: the Bronze Age gold neckband

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Linda Grant on the British rescue of Bosnian children which has gone terribly wrong

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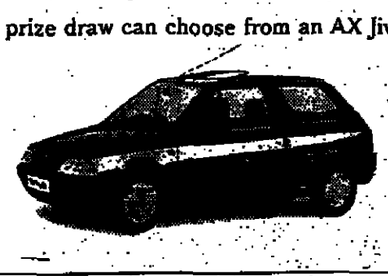

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Airlines and ferries threaten to sue in tunnel fines dispute

By Tim Jones
Transport Correspondent

Channel tunnel train operators have been exempted from immigration rules that have cost some airlines millions of pounds

CHANNEL tunnel train operators have been granted exemption from fines for bringing travellers with illegal documents into Britain. The exemption has angered ferry and airline companies which have been fined more than £50 million under the regulations. Legal action is now threatened over the the exemption, on grounds of unfair discrimination in favour of the Channel tunnel.

Airlines and ferry companies who unwittingly allow into the country travellers lacking documents, or with

Wardle: extending rules would be "inconvenient"

forged or otherwise illegal documentation, face fines of £2,000 for each passenger and are also responsible for paying repatriation fares and detention costs.

At a secret meeting last month, ferry operators could scarcely conceal their fury when they were told by Charles Wardle, a junior Home Office minister, that the government had no intention to subject Eurotunnel to the rigours of the 1987 Carriers Liability Act because this would be "administratively inconvenient".

The act was hurriedly introduced after 60 Sri Lankan citizens arrived at Heathrow without visas and stripped to their underpants as they demanded entry into Britain.

Since then, British Airways has paid fines of £2 million a year and the government is preparing to issue writs against other airlines and ferry operators in an effort to recoup unpaid fines of more than £27 million. The worst culprit is Nigeria Airways.

According to one source, the legislation has led to scenes of high farce resulting in bitterness and recrimination. In one case a ferry company was fined £34,000 for allowing into Britain from France 17 members of the Nepalese army band, in full uniform, who had tickets for their return flight from Heathrow to Kathmandu.

Other cases include one airline that was fined £2,000 for flying in a young Icelandic baby for an emergency operation, and another which faced huge costs when it had to pay the fine plus the costs of secure accommodation and return tickets for two guards for flying a mentally unstable traveller back to Chile.

P&O European Ferries said in a statement that it had been ordered to pay less than £100,000, relating to passengers carried to Dover on its route from Zeebrugge which ceased to operate two years ago.

At the meeting, Mr Wardle was told the decision to exempt Eurotunnel from the legislation was outrageous and deprived ferry operators of fair competition as they prepared to face the most potent threat in their history.

The ferry firms complain that Eurotunnel passengers will be subject to checks of their documents by immigration officials as they travel between the Continent and Britain, but the train operator will not be in any way liable if travellers are found to have illegal documents.

One BA official said: "The ambiguities in British visas would test the skills of a university professor, let alone a foreign check-in agent. Airline staff are not trained as immigration officers. Their skills are in customer service for fare-paying passengers, not interrogation of possible illegal immigrants."

Ebbe Pedersen, a council member of the Passenger Shipping Association, said: "We are very angry about this because it amounts to unfair competition. The government has told us that if we don't like it we can go to court to seek a judicial review, and that is exactly what we are considering.

"Before then, however, we are certain to take this up with the European Commission."

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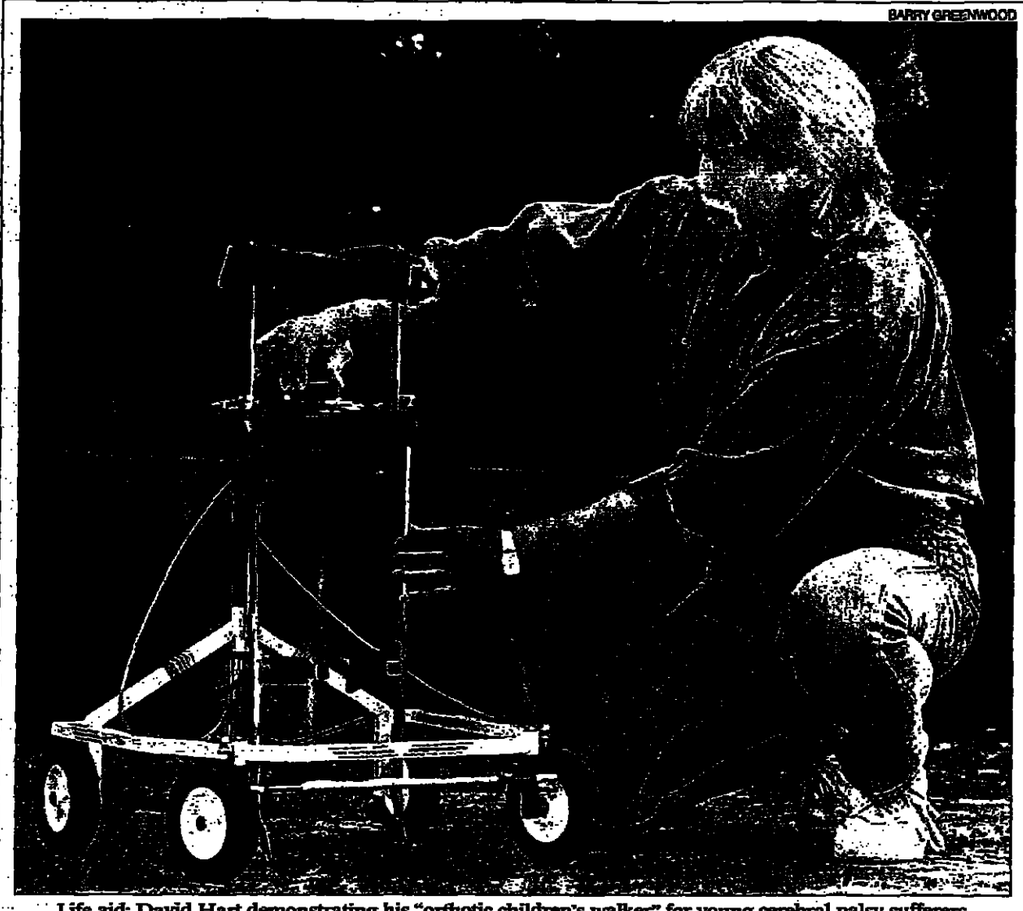

Life aid: David Hart demonstrating his "orthotic children's walker" for young cerebral palsy sufferers

Disabled denied invention

By James Landale

ALMOST 2,000 children with cerebral palsy have been denied walking frames because of a dispute between the Spastics Society and the inventor of a new frame.

David Hart, a medical engineer, has accused the society of wanting to use his invention simply to make money but the society has said its plans to make the frame are more cost-effective.

Mr Hart, who runs a clinic in Keighley, West Yorkshire, said yesterday that up to 2,000 children were on a waiting list for his device. The "orthotic children's walker" allows them to walk without falling and teaches their muscles to remember the process so that ultimately they can walk unaided.

Despite receiving £55,000 over the past 12 months from the society to research the walker, Mr Hart has given the production licence to a firm in Birmingham. The society claims that will involve higher costs and a limited aftercare service.

He has not fitted any devices at his clinic this year, because he says he could not do so without more funding from the society.

Jeweller 'lied about terror plot'

By A Staff Reporter

A JEWELLER blamed Welsh terrorists after setting fire to his country cottage in an insurance fraud, a court was told yesterday.

Kenneth Russell-Jones, 52, allegedly tried to anger Welsh nationalists by writing a series of insulting letters to local newspapers, and sent himself a warning letter stencilled in the style used by the Sons of Glyndwr extremist group.

Trefor Davies, for the prosecution, told Swansea Crown Court that he tried to trick the police by making out that Welsh extremists had reason to hate him. "But he was too clever for his own good and he was an odd candidate for an anti-Welsh crusade because he was born in Wales."

Mr Davies said Mr Rusell-Jones decided on the fraud as he was about to be divorced and stood to gain nothing from the £55,000 house at Tregaron, Dyfed. The insurance policy was in his name.

The house was not badly damaged, however, and he was arrested after investigators found plastic containers in the house and an electric fire stuffed with newspapers, Mr Davies said.

Mr Russell-Jones denies arson and trying to defraud the Norwich Union insurance company.

The trial continues today.

Business trips rise as costs fall

By Harvey Elliott
Travel Correspondent

THE number of business travellers rose by more than 10 per cent last year but the amount they paid for their air tickets, accommodation, car rental and entertainment fell by an average of 4 per cent as the recession forced companies to cut budgets.

Staff travelling within Britain or abroad were ordered to fly economy and to take cheaper rooms in hotels, according to Wagons-Lits, the second biggest business travel agency.

Richard Lovell, its UK managing director, said: "There was a slow decline of around 8 per cent in the average price paid for tickets over the last ten years but the best estimates are that it will fall by another 8 per cent in 1993 alone."

Every sector of the travel market was affected by the cuts. The price of car rentals fell fastest, with a 12 per cent reduction in average cost over the past 12 months. Hotels rooms are rarely sold at the official "rack" rates and some big chains say that 96 per cent of their rooms are sold at a discount, Wagons-Lits said.

The company also announced that it was changing its name to Wagonlit.

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No charges for man who shot intruder

By Richard Duce

AN ELDERLY man spoke yesterday of his relief at not having to face criminal charges after shooting and injuring an intruder who broke into his home.

Sir Nicholas Lyell, the attorney-general, has ruled that Tony Evans, 66, a former soldier, acted in self-defence when he shot the burglar in the knee at his home in Pluckley, Kent.

Mr Evans, whose home has been burgled eight times, said yesterday: "I feel justice has been done. Some people said no jury in the world would convict me of any charge, but it was still a terrible anguish waiting to hear what was going to happen to me."

Mr Evans, whose village is the setting for the television series *The Darling Buds of May*, said: "I had been out to Ashford and when I came in I heard a noise. Suddenly this young chap leapt out at me and we started struggling.

"I could feel my strength ebbing away. I felt I had to do something to save myself. It was only as a last resort that I grabbed for my gun.

"I just could not believe it when he suddenly flew at me. Unfortunately the gun went off but luckily it only hit him in the knee."

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St Bartholomew's, St Thomas' and Royal Marsden among 'centres of excellence' at risk

Specialist care cuts put eight London hospitals under axe

By Jeremy Laurance, Health Services Correspondent

EIGHT London hospitals are facing closure and the future of others may be threatened under plans to reduce the number of centres providing specialist care for cancer, heart problems and other services in the capital.

The eight include the internationally renowned St Bartholomew's in the City, The Royal Marsden cancer hospital in Fulham, and St Thomas'. They are potential losers in the latest round of the battle to switch resources from London's specialist services to primary care and to redress the balance between the capital and other, less well served, parts of the country.

Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, moved swiftly in the Commons to curb speculation about the future of a ninth hospital, Harefield, the world's largest heart transplant centre, despite a recommendation that it close and its services be transferred to Northwick Park. "I don't myself see any prospect of Harefield moving from its present site in the near future," she said.

Six independent review groups set up by the government to examine proposals originally put forward by Sir Bernard Tomlinson say the number of specialist centres in London should be cut by between a third and a half.

Under the proposals, Bart's would lose most of its specialty services, which would almost certainly seal its fate. The threat to St Thomas' is heightened by the preference of several of the review groups for the site at Guy's, with which it is merging.

An unexpected loser is the Royal Free Hospital in Hampstead, which could be stripped of its cancer, heart, renal and neuroscience services, threatening its survival as an independent trust. It could continue as a general hospital serving its local population.

By contrast, the Charing Cross in west London looks likely to be reprieved after being earmarked for closure in the Tomlinson report. The review groups, impressed by the quality of its work, recommend that it could become a major centre for cancer, neurosciences, plastic surgery and renal services.

Excellence is unlikely to save Bart's, however. Although the review groups judged it to be superior to the Royal London in cancer, renal and neuroscience services — according to a draft report of the London Implementation Group leaked to the pressure group London Health Emergency last week — all three specialties are recommended to be sited at the Royal London.

The renal services report says that the "thrust of developments in this sector of London is clearly to increase the clinical presence of the Royal London hospital".

Profesor Michael Besser, chairman of Bart's, claimed that the recommendations showed there was a "preset agenda" to close the hospital. "Several of the review teams told us at the start that services would move from Bart's. The conclusions reached were therefore predetermined."

In reports published yesterday, the review teams say that the 15 present cancer centres should be reduced to 8 and the 14 cardiac centres to 9. Renal services should be reduced from 11 to 5 and neurosciences from 11 to 6. There should be 4 main centres for plastic surgery and 2 for children.

The review teams echo the view expressed in the Tomlinson report, published last November, which said it was "inefficient and not conducive to good patient care that there should be handfuls of beds in a single specialty, scattered between units less than a mile or two apart."

They say there is wide agreement among hospital consultants, both in the UK and abroad, that London has too many specialist centres, but there is disagreement over which ones should close. None of the 14 cardiac centres was providing a first-class service and many of the cancer services were too small and treated too few patients for specialists to develop the necessary expertise.

The changes would save on buildings and equipment but extra staff and investment would be required in the surviving centres to treat the extra patients. However, no costings were done and the review teams were unable to say whether the chosen sites were providing the best value for money.

Thomas Hide, chairman of the neuroscience review, said there should be "no loss of staff" and Professor Christopher Paine, chairman of the cancer services review, said there should be an increase in staff. Cardiac services are recommended to grow by 50 per cent to meet increased demand.

Ministers have been careful to distance themselves from the recommendations, which will be considered by the London Implementation Group, which has been charged with taking forward the Tomlinson proposals. Mrs Bottomley, who did not attend the review groups' news conference at the Royal College of Physicians in Regents Park, said in a written statement: "The recommendations of the reviews are independent advice, not statements of government policy. They add a further perspective to the changes to the capital's health service. But they do not paint the final picture."

David Blunkett, the shadow health secretary, said that the review groups' plans disguised a "hidden agenda", that of encouraging more patients in the capital to take up private health care.

He said that the reduction of specialty units would increase the need for private care, which he claimed already accounted for 26 per cent of all operations in London. In particular, 19 per cent of all heart bypass operations carried out at hospitals in London were in the private sector.

Mr Blunkett added: "This is a much more wide-ranging list of closures than anyone expected. These latest reports show no costings, no promise of investment, but every likelihood of closure. We are about to see the loss of centres of excellence such as Harefield and Bart's, St Thomas' and the Royal Marsden."

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ADRIAN BROOKS

Satisfied customer: Alison Style, whose baby son Peter was born at St Thomas' Hospital, said she would be sad to see it closed

What proposed changes mean for the capital

THESE are the main recommendations of the specialty review.

☐ **London Chest Hospital:** Interim expansion of cardiac services, but future move to Chelmsford.

☐ **Bart's:** Cardiac, cancer, plastics, neurosciences and renal services to close. Children's cancer services move to Guy's or St George's.

☐ **Queen Elizabeth Hospital for Children:** to close, moving to the Royal London.

☐ **Royal Marsden:** Fulham site to close.

☐ **Oldchurch:** Neuroscience and cancer services to close. Cancer services may go to Chelmsford.

☐ **Guy's and St Thomas':** Specialities to centralise at Guy's. Implication is St Thomas' will close.

☐ **King's College Hospital:** Cancer, plastic surgery and renal to close. cardiac remains until new Brighton unit opens.

☐ **Brook General:** Cardiac and neuroscience services to close.

☐ **Bethlem and Maudsley:** Neuroscience services to close.

☐ **Queen Mary's Hospital, Rochampton:** Plastic surgery and burns unit to close; leaving only day surgery and outpatient services.

☐ **Atkinson Morley's Hospital:** Three year stay of execution before closure and re-site in Guildford or at St George's.

☐ **St Helier:** Renal services to close.

☐ **St Mary's:** Cancer, most renal and cardiac services to close though cardiac "will be needed for some years".

☐ **Charing Cross:** Cancer and neurosciences to expand; renal services to be shared with Hammersmith; plastic surgery to stay.

☐ **Harefield:** Cardiac services to close.

☐ **UCH/Middlesex:** Renal service at Middlesex expands, plastics and burns and children's in-patient services close.

☐ **Royal Free Hospital:** Neurosciences to move to National Hospital. Renal, cancer and cardiac services to move to the Middlesex.

Outside London:

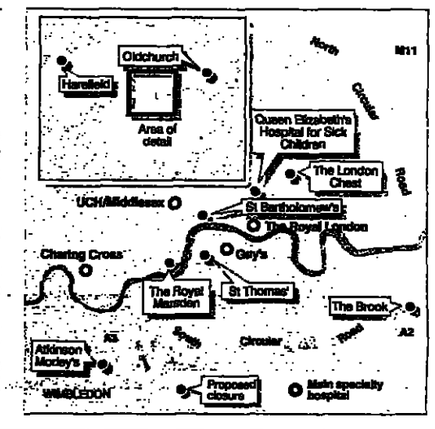
☐ **St Andrew's, Billericay, Essex:** Plastics and burns unit to close, moving not to new Goodmayes Hospital, Redbridge, but somewhere "outside the M25".

☐ **Colchester:** Cancer services to close.

☐ **Canterbury:** "No" to cardiac unit "without a full appraisal".

☐ **Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead:** Plastics and burns unit to close, split between two southeast sites.

☐ **Chelmsford, Essex:** The review suggested there could be cardiac and cancer services "at a new unit in the future". The Mid-Essex Trust currently has a deficit of more than £1.6 million.



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Privy Council court to hear appeal on death-row convicts

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

■ Eminent lawyers are giving their services free to aid a test-case that could end agonising delays for Caribbean prisoners

THE most senior judges in the United Kingdom are to form an exceptional seven-strong court next week to hear a constitutional challenge on the legality of hanging Commonwealth prisoners who have been on death row for ten or more years.

Seven law lords, headed by Lord Keith of Kinkel, will sit as the judicial committee of the Privy Council to hear an appeal which, if successful, could result in the lifting of death sentences on some 200 prisoners in the Caribbean.

Lawyers cannot recall the last time there was a seven-judge hearing by the committee, which acts as the final court of appeal from those Commonwealth countries which have retained it as an appeal route. The death row appeals take, on average, ten years to arrive at the committee because of severe administrative delays in the countries of trial.

Lawyers in Monday's case, brought by Earl Pratt and Ivan Morgan, two prisoners in Jamaica, will maintain that the carrying out of a death sentence on a prisoner who has been held for that length of time is unconstitutional and amounts to "torture or to inhuman or degrading punishment or treatment" in breach of the Jamaican constitution.

The men, aged 33 and 37, were convicted in January 1979 of the murder of Anthony Missick. Their appeals were dismissed in December 1980.

The case has wide ramifications, not only for prisoners on death row in Jamaica and Trinidad, but also for the role of the Privy Council in advising the Queen (the technical procedure when the Privy Council reaches a decision) that an earlier ruling should possibly be overturned.

The case is the second in the past decade to challenge the legality of the death sentence after long delay. On the last occasion, in 1982, the law lords on the judicial committee were split three to two, with Lords Diplock, Hailsham, and Bridge rejecting the appeal and Lords Scarman and Brightman in a dissenting minority.

In that case, Riley v. the attorney-general of Jamaica, the majority of the law lords held that issuing the death warrants was not in breach of the Jamaican constitution, despite the delay. Now they are being asked to reverse that ruling.

The case is being brought by the London civil liberties firm Simons Muirhead & Burton, which has acted for many years free of charge in about 80 death-row cases from Jamaica, Trinidad and Belize. The two British counsel in the case, Geoffrey Robertson QC and Philip Sapsford QC, are also acting free of charge.

Saul Lehrfreund, who has been working on the case with Bernard Simons, who died recently, said: "This case has huge implications for all those people on death row. If the judges decide that the Riley decision was wrong, then all those on death row for many years should be brought off. We are not talking about letting these people out, but about getting their sentences commuted."

He added that the last hanging in Jamaica was in 1988, but the authorities were considering its re-introduction there and in Trinidad.

The case, listed for four days, will be opposed by lawyers for the attorney-general of Jamaica and the superintendent of St. Catherine's prison, where the men are held. The judges are expected to be Lords Keith of Kinkel, Templeman, Griffiths, Goff of Chieveley, Mustill, Slynn of Hadley and Woolf.

Both men have been under sentence of death for 12 years. In that time, they have had death warrants issued three times, in 1987, 1988 and 1991. They originally petitioned the Privy Council for leave to appeal against their sentences in 1986, which was rejected. After that, the constitutional appeal to be heard next week was mounted.

Lord Keith: heading an exceptional court

Lawyers checked for legal aid fraud

BY OUR LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Legal Aid Board opened 300 investigations into possible frauds by solicitors on its £870 million fund in the past year, the board's annual report disclosed yesterday.

The number of preliminary enquiries almost doubled from 340 in 1991-2 to 642 in 1992-3. In most cases a solicitor was asked to explain "questionable charges".

The board says that the rise is mainly the result of an increased ability by area office staff to spot potential abuse, rather than a surge of dishonesty.

"The great majority of recipients of legal aid and those solicitors and barristers who provide legally-aided services are honest," the board says. "However there is a minority that is not, and we are committed to discouraging fraud and abuse."

The board has increased the number of staff employed full-time on investigating suspected abuse from four to five, and its support staff from two to three.

In the past 12 months the fraud section completed 136 investigations. Two resulted in Crown Court trials, with one defendant acquitted and the other convicted.

Of the 226 investigations still outstanding at the end of 1992-3, 146 involved letters of explanation. Of the other 80, 26 have been reported to the police, 18 were referred to the Crown Prosecution Service and five of these referrals were awaiting Crown Court trial.

The report also provides continuing evidence of the declining volume of work in criminal courts because of a fall in the number of prosecutions. As a result, it believes it will meet the planned provision of £1,091 million for 1993-4.

It cites a big drop in the number of bills submitted by solicitors for criminal legal aid work in the last half of 1992-3, by up to 14 per cent compared with the year before. At first, the board says, it was not clear whether this was because courts were being more stringent about granting criminal legal aid or because of a drop in prosecutions.

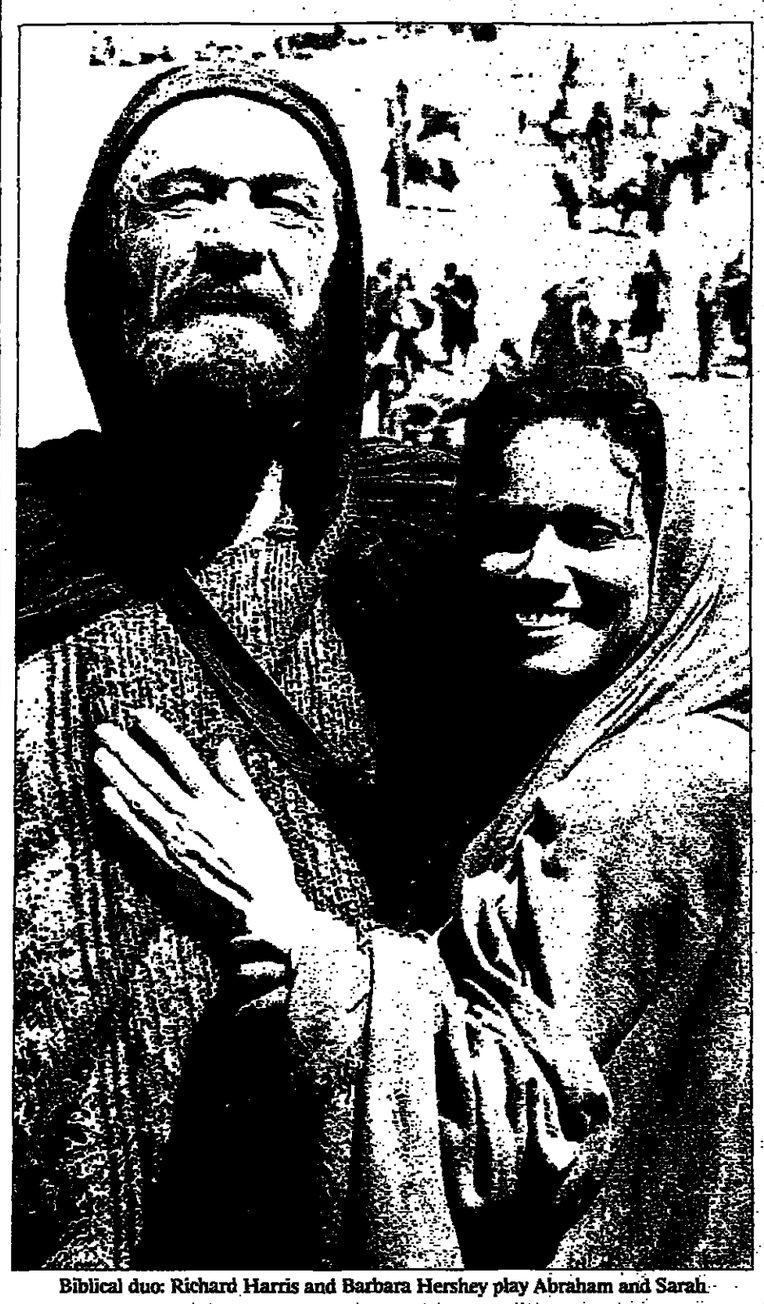
It adds: "It now appears that it is due largely to a reduction in the number of people prosecuted and, failing changes in prosecution policies, the reduced level of activity is likely to continue."

Despite the drop in criminal legal aid bills, more people received help under the legal aid scheme last year, a total of 3.07 million compared with 2.8 million in 1991-2.

Yesterday the Crown Prosecution Service confirmed that annual reports showed a growing percentage of cases were discontinued before trial, rising from 8.9 per cent in 1989-90 to 13.5 per cent in 1992-3, although a spokesman said that the figures were not strictly comparable. The fall in the rate of prosecutions comes against a background of a 50 per cent rise in recorded crime since 1987.

☐ *Legal Aid Board annual report* (HMSO: £17.30 net)

From the man who directed Star Trek, a £75m version of The Bible



Biblical duo: Richard Harris and Barbara Hershey play Abraham and Sarah

Old Testament to be epic TV series

FROM ALEXANDRA FREAN IN OUARZAZATE, MOROCCO

THE entire Old Testament — from Adam to Zerubabel, from Genesis to Daniel — is being made into a television series lasting 35 hours. The £75 million international project, to be filmed over five years with a star cast, is one of the most ambitious screen productions attempted.

Shooting of the first two episodes of *The Bible*, starring the Irish actor Richard Harris as Abraham and Barbara Hershey, the American actress, as his wife, Sarah, was completed in Morocco at the weekend, nearly 15 years to the day after research on the production started.

By the time all 20 episodes are completed, Gerald Rafshoon, the American executive producer, hopes to have created the definitive screen version of *The Bible*, which could even supplant the popularity of the original book in schools, homes and seminaries.

Mr Rafshoon, who was an aide to President Carter before entering film production in 1981, said: "In a world increasingly dominated by the media, televising *The Bible* is the best way to make its contents and message available to the greatest number of people around the world."

There have been more than 250 films and television productions on biblical topics, but most have concentrated on the New Testament. Mr Rafshoon said it would not be an extravagant "spear and sandal" epic in the old Hollywood style, in spite of a cast of 2,000 Moroccan extras and a props list including 500 shields and 600 helmets.

The director, Joseph Sargent, whose credits include the original *Star Trek* television series, has made every effort to produce an historically accurate drama that is acceptable to people of different religions and those with no faith. To avoid controversy, God will not appear in person but will be represented by inner voices heard by various characters.

For Harris, who played Cain in John Huston's 1966 film *The Bible, In the Beginning*, said that the role of Abraham was the best he had played. "This is not a spaghetti biblical film with characters romping around the desert in Palm Springs, California."

The project is to be divided into stand-alone mini-series.

Turner: helping to finance first episodes

The *Abraham* two-parter will ready for screening next year. The story of the creation will be dealt with in a 100-minute prologue.

The initial episodes are being co-funded by the American television magnate, Ted Turner, an Italian group, LUX, and the German multimedia group Kirch. The production company is already well advanced in negotiations to sell the series to Britain and the rest of the world. It hopes eventually to produce *The Bible* as a boxed set of videos.

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Libraries 'need a national voice' to avoid extinction

BY ALISON ROBERTS, ARTS REPORTER

THE public library network could atrophy and "possibly, in time, disappear" unless a national body is established to speak in its defence, according to independent researchers.

An investigation into the state of public libraries, conducted by Comedia, a consultancy firm, reports that libraries have been overlooked by urban planners and local politicians, even though they are responsible for generating more city centre activity than opera houses, theatres or concert halls. Without a national voice, the network, which "would be impossible to invent or construct again", is in danger of serious decline.

Although more than 300 new libraries were opened during the 1980s, many of them in old peoples' homes and community centres, shorter opening hours have been imposed in many cities. The network has been undervalued and taken for granted, the report says.

Last year, 18 libraries were open for more than 60 hours a week, compared with 229 in 1974. About 25 have closed since 1988 and, although more books are being published than ever before, the number borrowed fell from 648 million in 1981 to 568 million in 1991.

Public library users, often children and old people, tend to lack influence and find it difficult to speak up for their local facility. "Research shows that owning a library ticket is likely to be a child's first link to the wider society. In many of Britain's most disadvantaged areas, the public library is a beacon of the voluntary network and sustains many peoples' emotional lives," the research concludes.

Ken Warpole, a Comedia researcher, said that the public library suffered from an outdated and blurred image. The modern public library should be a focus for educational and social activities and a means of access to new technology, yet a lack of coherent national policy means many are failing to adapt. "An independent body, bringing together librarians, politicians and business leaders, should be set up," he said.

Half the population use libraries occasionally, and a third regularly, the report found. The service costs an average of £12.94 per person, whether they use it or not.

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Pigs to be bred for organ transplants

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

THE first organ transplants between pigs and humans could take place by 1996, British specialists say.

Pigs have been genetically modified so that their organs are compatible with the human immune system. With further improvement, pigs' hearts, lungs, kidneys and other organs could soon be ready for use in human patients waiting for transplants.

Dr David White, of the department of surgery at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, said that he had been "gratified and stunned" by his success in producing transgenic pigs. So far, his research programme with John Wallwork, head of the transplant unit at Papworth Hospital, has produced 37 pigs which contain the human gene responsible for a protein that plays an important part in the rejection process.

Normally, pigs' organs transplanted into humans would turn black and die within an hour, as a result of the body's rejection system. The system depends on "complement", substances in the bloodstream which destroy foreign cells by punching holes in them. Complement does not destroy the body's own cells because they possess proteins that switch its action off. The team has shown that the gene for one of these proteins, decay accelerating factor, can be introduced into other species, including the pig. The result is that human complement is fooled into thinking the organs are human, and does not destroy them.

Mr Wallwork said that, if laboratory tests prove positive, the first clinical trials could start in three years. The heart might not necessarily be the first organ transplanted. Another possibility could be the islets of Langerhans, the organs in the pancreas that create insulin. A successful islet transplant would cure diabetes, though the recipients would still need anti-rejection drugs, just as if they had received a human organ.

Ultimately, hospitals may have their own herds of pigs from which organs can be harvested as required. Ethical and moral issues need to be considered first, and Mr Wallwork has written to the health department seeking its view. "This has never been done before, so it raises issues which need careful consideration," he said.

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Police dog sniffs out men lost in mine

BY LOUISE HIDALGO

A POLICE dog yesterday led rescuers to two men who had been lost for more than 30 hours in a labyrinth of disused mine workings.

Christopher Delahunty and William Woodman, both 22, lost their way after their torch batteries ran out as they explored tunnels in old quarry mines near Box, Wiltshire.

According to police, they had given up all hope of finding their way out alive when Zak, a five-year-old alsatian serving with Chippenham police, who retires from the force today, found their scent and led rescuers to the spot where they huddled in the warren of tunnels.

The two men, who were recovering at their homes in Calne, Wiltshire, yesterday, had been without food or water since venturing into the sealed-off mine workings on Monday morning. Chief Insp Steve Coxhead, of Chippenham, said: "They were extremely relieved and very, very frightened when they were found." He added that the two men had been lucky to escape alive.

The abandoned mine workings, originally used to quarry Bath stone, stretch for more than 30 miles underground and are littered with roof falls and narrow passages.

"They had gone down there out of curiosity without informing anyone of their plans," Mr Coxhead said. "People should never go underground without suitable safety precautions and should always tell someone where they are going."

A search was launched after the men's motorcycles were seen by a local resident parked for some time in the surrounding woods. Eight police officers and 15 members of the Mendip cave rescue team helped in the search.

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French resorts on slide in latest EC report

UK beaches earn praise

BY NICHOLAS WATT

BRITAIN has won praise from the European Commission for tackling pollution at coastal beaches after years of being dubbed the "dirty man of Europe". A senior official in Brussels said that the commission was "pleased and impressed" with Britain's progress over the past three years in reducing the number of polluted beaches.

His comments came after the commission's latest report on the quality of bathing water showed a 3 per cent increase last year in the number of British beaches to pass pollution tests. The Brussels official said: "There have been problems in the past, but the picture in Britain now is one of constant improvement. This is due to a vast investment programme to tackle the problem of sewage near beaches. This is partly thanks to pressure from the EC."

In the report, 79 per cent of the beaches tested in Britain by the National Rivers Authority met European Community pollution standards, compared with 76 per cent in 1991. However, Britain still has the second highest number of dirty beaches in the EC after Germany. The official said: "There is certainly room for improvement. But the image of Britain as the dirty man of Europe is quite wrong."

More than 16,000 beaches in 11 EC states were examined for the report. Out of the 455 beaches tested in Britain, 52 failed; this compared with 60 failures the previous year out of 453 beaches tested.

France, which was praised in last year's report for high standards, was criticised this year for a "marked deterioration" in the quality of its bathing water. Its pass rate fell by eight percentage points after water was polluted by increased sewage outfalls and storms.

Beaches at some of France's most popular tourist destinations failed the tests, including three of Nice's 27 beaches, one at Cannes and one at Antibes.

Ireland had the most impressive record in the report. Only 6 per cent of its beaches failed to reach the mandatory standard. Ireland was praised for "very high" levels of bathing water and for ensuring that beaches near cities were closely monitored.

Greece was commended for its "excellent" water quality after it achieved a pass rate of 97 per cent, even after 107 new beaches were added. However, it failed to conduct 0.5 per cent of its tests properly.

Nearly a quarter of Germany's beaches (24 per cent) failed to reach the mandatory standards and 3 per cent of the tests were not carried out properly.

The EC directive on bathing water, which sets mandatory and guideline levels, has been in force for 17 years. If a beach fails the mandatory requirements it is in breach of EC rules. Each country is responsible for carrying out the tests and the commission ensures that the directive is upheld.

Warm weather and rain can radically alter the results and the environment department has complained that some countries carry out the tests only when the weather is suitable.

For this year's EC report, France failed to carry out 9.1 per cent of its tests properly while Britain and Belgium carried them all out correctly. Taking this into account, France's 87 per cent pass rate falls to 79 per cent — the same level as Britain's.

THE TIMES GUIDE TO BLACKSPOT BEACHES

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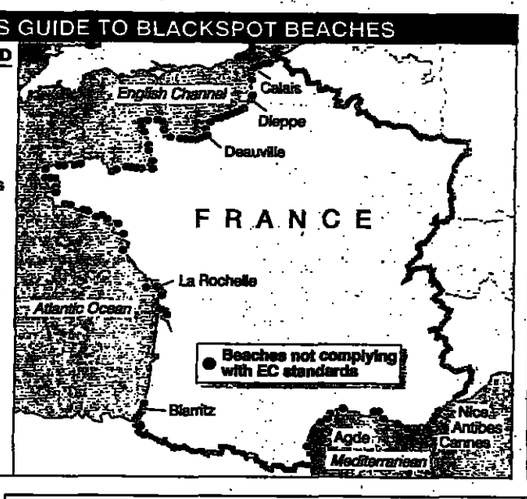

Man wins £4,000 for burger bug

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A TEENAGER who was suing the fast food chain McDonald's for supplying food unfit to eat has received £4,000 compensation from the company.

Lee Sheehan, 19, almost died of kidney failure when he was infected by the *E. coli* bacterium after eating one of the firm's hamburgers. He was one of 13 people infected after eating at McDonald's at Friargate, in Preston, Lancashire.

Mr Sheehan, of Penwortham, Lancashire, started his legal action after a three-week stay in hospital during which he underwent dialysis after the bacterium attacked his kidneys. He had to give up his A-level course because of illness.

The outbreak occurred in January 1991. The cause given by Sir Donald Acheson, then the government's chief medical officer, was undercooking.

Michael Turner, Mr Sheehan's lawyer, said yesterday: "We had started an action suing for breach of contract in that McDonald's supplied food which was unfit to eat. We are very pleased with the outcome."

A spokeswoman for McDonald's said yesterday: "There is no acceptance of liability but we felt it fair under the circumstances to make a compensation payment."

THE TIMES WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

THE Professional Chess Association has made a revolutionary suggestion. In announcing its plans for its new World Chess Championship cycle, the starting point of which is *The Times* Championship match between Kasparov and Short, the PCA has abolished the distinction between the men's and women's titles.

Henceforth, there will be one unified title for the PCA and both male and female grandmasters can fight for it. Judith Polgar, the 16-year-old Hungarian chess prodigy, has been tipped as the most likely female world champion, but she is now facing a challenge from some teenage boys not much older than herself.

In the tournament at Madrid which finished last week, Polgar was beaten by the two 18-year-olds Kramnik and Topalov, and finished in a modest fifth position.

White: Vladimir Kramnik

Black: Judith Polgar
Madrid 1993

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1	Nf3	Nf6
2	c4	g6
3	g3	Bg7
4	Bg2	0-0
5	Nc3	d6
6	0-0	e5
7	d3	c6
8	Rb1	Re8
9	e4	d5
10	cxd5	cxd5
11	Bg5	dxe4
12	dxe4	Nc6
13	Qxd8	Rxd8
14	Nd5	Rd6
15	Nd2	Nxd5
16	exd5	Nd4
17	Nc4	Ra6
18	d6	Rxa2
19	Ra1	Rxa1
20	Rxa1	Be6
21	Na5	Rc8
22	Nxb7	Rc2
23	Rxa7	h6
24	Be3	Rxb2
25	h3	Rb8
26	Kh2	g5
27	Ra8+	Kh7
28	Re8	Kg6
29	Be4+	Kf6
30	g4	Ra6
31	Bd3	Rc6
32	Be4	Rc8
33	Rxc8	Bxc8
34	Nc5	Be6
35	Bd2	Nb3
36	Nxb3	Bxb3
37	d7	Ke7
38	Bc6	Bf6
39	Ba5	Kd6
40	Bb5	Bc2
41	d8Q+	Bxd8
42	Bxd8	f5
43	gxf5	Bxd5
44	Bf8	Ke6
45	Bg7	h5
46	Bc4+	Black resigns

Diagram of final position

Championship update

To book your seat for The Times World Chess Championship match between Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short ring First Call on 071 497 9977. Lines are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
1	Kramnik	Russia	*	½	½	1	1	½	1	½	½	6½
2	Topalov	Bulgaria	½	*	½	1	½	1	1	½	1	6½
3	Anand	India	½	½	*	½	1	½	1	1	1	6½
4	Salov	Spain	0	½	½	*	½	1	1	1	½	6
5	Polgar	Hungary	0	0	0	½	*	1	½	½	1	½	4
6	San Segundo	Spain	0	½	½	0	0	*	½	1	0	1	3½
7	Illescas	Spain	½	0	½	0	½	½	*	0	½	1	3½
8	Rivas	Spain	0	0	0	½	0	1	*	1	1	3½
9	Lautier	France	½	½	0	0	1	½	0	*	½	1	3
10	Izeta	Spain	½	0	0	½	½	0	0	0	½	*	2

Dutch disaster

Viktor Korchnoi, the great veteran grandmaster, inflicted a horrible defeat on the Dutch hope Jeroen Piket at their recent match in Holland:

1	Korchnoi	Switzerland	½	½	1	1	½	1	1	½	6
2	Piket	Holland	½	½	0	0	½	0	0	½	2

In the above crosstables, 1 = win, ½ = draw, 0 = loss

Bird group calls for 'green' farm grants

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH
SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

AGRICULTURAL subsidies should be awarded only to those farmers who follow environmentally friendly practices, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds says.

The society argues that, unless farmers start following more environmentally friendly methods of farming, some birds such as the corncrake could be wiped out within the next ten years. Only three bird species considered to be threatened with global extinction occur in the United Kingdom but all three — the white-tailed eagle, the red kite and the corncrake — occur in Scotland. In addition, 48 per cent of birds acknowledged to be of greatest conservation importance occur in Scotland and are highly dependent on sensitive land use to maintain habitats.

The RSPB outlined its proposals in a report launched yesterday called *Agriculture in Scotland: farming for a living countryside*. The society calls for a new style of financial support for farming which would link subsidies to environmental objectives. David Mimms, the society's senior conservation officer for planning in Scotland, says its proposals mean little extra cost to the government but would involve a big redistribution of existing subsidies.

The report concerns the National Farmers' Union of Scotland, which believe farmers could be financially disadvantaged by some of the proposals. John Ross, its president, gave a cautious welcome to some of the recommendations: "The kind of measures outlined would lead to a decline in agricultural output and that would be a significant cost to Scotland."

The RSBP would like to see about a third of Scotland designated as "environmentally sensitive areas".

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Villagers offer cash for pupils

Members of a village action group are offering £500 to parents of young children who move to the area. The offer is an attempt to save a teaching job in Stiperstones Church of England primary school at Snailbeach, Shropshire.

The school has 56 pupils but needs one more if the education authority is to continue to pay a third teacher's salary. Parents fear that classes will become too large if the post is cut.

Woman dies in gun incident

Gillian Haynes, 48, was killed and her daughter Victoria, 21, was hurt in an incident in which a policeman was threatened with a shotgun at Pershore, Hereford and Worcester.

A neighbour, Jackie Norton, 33, was also hurt. A man was later being questioned by police.

Varsity first

Joanna Womack (above), the 45-year-old college bursar at Trinity Hall, Cambridge, broke a male tradition of centuries by becoming the first woman treasurer of the university. She has charge of a £200 million budget.

Off the hook

Police have decided not to prosecute Lindi St Clair, 41, for wasting their time after she abandoned her car at Beachy Head in East Sussex, prompting a much-publicised search, and went on a cruise.

Royal stamps

Five landscapes by the Prince of Wales will be featured on stamps marking the twenty-fifth anniversary of his investiture on March 1 next year.

Light relief

Peter Edge, who ate a light-bulb in an Ipswich pub after saying that he wanted a light meal, is said to be recovering well in hospital.

Rail chief

Lew Adams, 53, has been elected general secretary of the rail union Aslef. He takes over in January.

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Labour party seeks to raise pressure over big donors

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY

■ If the government will not act to bring party funding into the open, Labour will, says its general secretary

LABOUR last night sought to seize the initiative over funding of political parties by declaring that it is prepared to name all large-scale donors. Larry Whitty, the party's general secretary, threw down the challenge to the government to introduce an across-the-board regulation calling for disclosure of donors' names.

With pressure mounting for greater information about the funding of parties, Mr Whitty said that Labour would take the first step if the government failed to take action. He told the Commons home affairs select committee, which is investigating funding of political parties: "The committee has an opportunity to clear up party financing across the board. If you are not prepared to do it, then we will."

Mr Whitty said that he would recommend to the party's national executive committee that all "substantial" donations should be declared. Although he suggested contributions over £10,000, he said that £5,000 "would not cause us a difficulty". Labour would not be prepared to make the naming of donors retrospective as donors would not previously have expected to be named, he said.

Labour's move is designed to raise the pressure on the committee and the government to introduce new laws to ban foreign funding of parties and to insist on the naming of donors. With most of Labour's funding coming from trade unions, it received only 15 individual donations of more than £10,000 last year. However, Labour believes that, by setting down a figure, it will "shame" other parties into following suit.

The Tory-dominated committee is unlikely to report on the issue of party funding until the end of the year but Labour says that, if there is no recommendation on the naming of donors, it could pass its own rules within months.

Mr Whitty came under pressure from Tory MPs on the committee over Labour's call for state financing of political parties. His suggestion that parties receiving more than 5 per cent electoral support should receive equal state funding was attacked by Conservatives, who insisted that the present voluntary donation system took account of parties' popularity.

Torty members of the committee accused Labour of complaining about financing because of declining membership and funding. Mr Whitty replied that both Labour and the Conservatives were suffering a decline in income. Britain should follow other Western democracies in having state funding.

The Labour general secretary said that Britain was "complacent" over its political funding. Already, the state was involved during election campaigns by allowing parties free access to radio and television air time, free postage and free acess to public halls.

Extending state funding would ensure a closer control of financing and would ensure that political parties were adequately resourced. The public, he said, was "fed up with one party slagging off the other". Adequate resourcing would ensure that there was sufficient funding for proper research and analysis, leading to more informed debate.

David Ashby, Conservative MP for North West Leicestershire, said that legislation would not be able to deal with "surrogate" advertising by other bodies on behalf of a political party. He accused trade unions of offering Labour surrogate support through advertising and through cut-price printing of campaign literature.

Man in the news: Soley backs free speech

Heseltine claims put MP at centre of storm

BY NICHOLAS WOOD
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

Making the news: Clive Soley grows wary of Britain's libel laws

CLIVE Soley was boxing clever yesterday as he amplified on his sensational suggestion that Michael Heseltine might have been the go-between in a £7 million donation from Saudi Arabia to the Conservative election fund.

As furious Central Office officials challenged Mr Soley to repeat his allegations without the legal cloak of parliamentary privilege and reiterated the denials at home and abroad of the story, the 53-year-old Labour MP for Hammersmith admitted that he would have to be careful.

With Prince Bandar bin Sultan, the Saudi ambassador in Washington, threatening legal action, Mr Soley restricted himself in a BBC radio interview to confirming that the source of his claim was an Arab refugee with close links to the Saudi embassy in London.

"I have to be careful as people have threatened to [take legal action], but the British libel laws are a bit absurd and go far too far. I cannot imagine any other country where investigative journalism would be prevented in this way."

MPs could be forgiven for finding Mr Soley's solicitude for the press disingenuous. Only a couple of months ago he was pushing through the Commons a private members' bill designed to curb some of the supposedly wilder excesses of newspapers. It proposed forcing editors to publish corrections of inaccuracies and to set up a statutory body to regulate press conduct. It fell for lack of parliamentary time.

But it would be a mistake to portray Mr Soley as a left-wing firebrand determined to muzzle the capitalist press, despite his once claiming that Rupert Murdoch's News International, which publishes *The Times*, was modelled on *Pravda*. Nor is he a member of Labour's conspiracy tendency, always ready to assume that the rich and powerful are guilty as charged. A former probation officer, Mr Soley is a decent, earnest chap, whose piety in the civil liberties arena is leavened by a touch of mischief and a not inconsiderable gift for publicity.

He also affects an air of sweet reason, readily admitting to *The Times* on Tuesday night that his informant might be wrong, then plunging in the dagger by innocently suggesting that naming the Tory party's benefactors was the way to clear the air. Surprisingly, for a civil liberties champion, he overlooked the breach of confidentiality that would inevitably flow from such a step.

But contradictions are the stock in trade of an MP who believed that it was possible to promote the "freedom and responsibility" of the press in the same bill.

From the lowly vantage point of shadow housing minister, this mild-mannered man succeeded in disturbing his phlegmatic shadow Chancellor in the run-up to the last election by advocating a less thrifty approach to council house receipts. Not satisfied with one storm, Mr Soley also made some threatening noises about the middle-class perk of mortgage tax relief. The results fell short of banner headlines, but it was no surprise that when John Smith took over as Labour leader Mr Soley returned to the back benches.

He remains refreshingly unabashed by these setbacks, telling a fringe meeting at the last Labour conference that phasing out tax relief was the "unspoken agenda of both main parties", an assessment few would now dispute. His flair for publicity, which blossomed with his support for licensed brothels nearly a decade ago, has not deserted him. Earlier this year, he stirred interest in his bill by setting up his own committee to take evidence from Fleet Street's great, if not always good.

Welfare 'outstrips nation's ability to pay'

BY NICHOLAS WOOD
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

GROWTH in the £80 billion annual social security budget is outstripping the nation's ability to pay, Peter Lilley said last night as he warned that a fundamental overhaul of the welfare state was now essential.

In a speech that will be seen as an important marker in the cabinet battle between those prepared to contemplate tax rises and those demanding spending cuts, the social security secretary placed himself squarely in the latter camp.

His remarks in London will also be seen as a riposte to Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, who has ruled out a series of controversial economies, such as limiting free prescriptions, and appeared to tie the hands of Michael Portillo, the Treasury chief secretary, in his long-term review of Whitehall budgets.

"Social measures designed to alleviate or prevent a problem may not merely damage an economy but actually exacerbate the very problem they are intended to solve," Mr Lilley said.

"Generous, unconditional help for the unemployed sounds humane. But if it discourages job search and prolongs unemployment it damages people's chances."

Mr Lilley said that the trend growth in social security, not counting changes in unemployment determined by the state of the economy, was 3.3 per cent a year after allowing for inflation.

"These projections show that on current policies there is a strong underlying growth in the social security budget which is faster than the likely increase in national resources and considerably faster than our planned growth in general government expenditure," Mr Lilley said.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Home Office; prime minister; Northern Ireland orders.
Lords (3): European communities (amendment) bill, committee continued.

Gulf war cemented Saudi Arabian link

BY CHRISTOPHER ELLIOTT

BEHIND the allegations that the Saudis gave millions of pounds to the Tory party — strenuously denied by both sides — are links that were greatly strengthened by allied support for Saudi Arabia during the Gulf war. But the relationship has roots which predate the Gulf conflict.

Mrs Thatcher's robust encouragement of President Bush, intended to stiffen the American backbone in the confrontation with Iraq, led to the American strong line over the occupation of Kuwait. The image of Thatcherite iron will remains a powerful one in the Middle East.

Britain's role in the Gulf war is one of the few examples of a seamless link between Mrs Thatcher and her successor. She led Britain into the war, but John Major subsequently never wavered either in public or in private. As a consequence he is also held in high regard by the Saudis. "Of all the links, the Gulf war is the most important," said Sir John Moberly, a former British ambassador to Iraq.

There have been ups and downs in the relationship. One came in April 1980, over the *Death of a Princess* television documentary. The Foreign Office minister sent to heal that rift was Douglas Hurd, now foreign secretary, who is held by some to share a long standing Foreign Office tradition of being pro-Arab.

These could be passed off as simply government-to-government links, but as few Saudis under 35 have ever dealt with anyone other than a Conservative government minister and Labour's Arab links are weak, it is to the Tories that many Saudis look.

Media hopefuls vie for role in Nadir drama

BY CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN KYRENIA, NORTHERN CYPRUS

AMID scenes that would do credit to the pen of Evelyn Waugh, the British media battle to secure the scoop of Asil Nadir's alleged revelations against Britian's judicial system and the Tory party intensified yesterday.

While Mr Nadir's friends insisted that by early next week he would have presented all the documented evidence he has, a varied cast is playing their part in a drama that will soon culminate in either a damp squib or a severe new headache for the government. Among them are the red-haired cub reporter from a Fleet Street broadsheet sent because of her editor's assumption that she satisfies Mr Nadir's taste in women, and the self-exiled Lord Erskine of Rerrick, forced to deny claims in a British paper that he was an agent here for MI6.

The redhead gained access to the fugitive tycoon's villa by the subterfuge of a flood of tears, only to find inside an antique table set with candles for an intimate dinner and her charms no match for those of his awaited local companion.

As tabloid veterans of recent shouting matches with Mr Nadir such as Harry Arnold of the Daily Mirror mounted their vigil in the shade of fig trees outside the fortress-style villa, Trevor McDonald of ITN booked in discretely to a nearby hotel where he was spotted. Rival broadcasters fear he is aiming to repeat his earlier exclusive interview with Saddam Hussein.

Government faces new bout of headaches over Europe

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

The government is not yet free of potential troubles over Europe. The lull since the Maastricht bill left the Commons is about to end, and the Opposition and the Tory Euro-sceptics are gearing up for renewed battles.

The first will come next week over the bill to increase the number of British Euro MPs by six to 87. This implements a decision of last December's Edinburgh summit and follows the expansion in German representation after unification.

This is much less straightforward than it seems. The bill proposes five extra seats for England and one for Wales, but none for Scotland, annoying Labour and the Scottish Nationalists. In the rest of Europe, and Northern Ireland, next year's Euro-elections will be conducted under proportional representation, but the government is sticking to first-past-the-post for Britain. That ensures the opposition of the Liberal Democrats.

The Tories want the normal boundary commissions to complete their work on redrawing Westminster constituencies as quickly as possible and do not want resources to be diverted to redrawing the Euro-boundaries. Hence the bill proposes that these boundaries should be drawn up by special committees reporting to the home secretary in the autumn.

Tony Blair, Labour's home affairs spokesman, argues that the work should be undertaken by an independent body like the boundary commission rather than these special committees. The same view is taken by some Euro-sceptics, such as Sir Teddy Taylor, who believe that the new system could be regarded as being some kind of "fix".

However, Labour does not oppose the principle of extra seats. Hence if the party tried to defeat the bill, it might appear both negative, rejecting MPs to which Britain is entitled, and anti-European. Labour will anyway move a reasoned amendment on second reading next Wednesday. The precise wording will determine the stances of the opposition parties and the Tory Euro-sceptics. There could be a tricky commitee stage on the floor of the House in mid-July.

Blair: in sympathy with Euro-sceptics

The Maastricht bill is going steadily through Lords with more concise and focused debates in committee than in the Commons. The key vote on the referendum will take place during the report stage on July 14, with third reading the following week.

Both houses are due to hold debates on the British opt-out from the social chapter, as required in the bill, on July 26. Labour will propose an amendment that the government should not take the necessary legal steps to implement the treaty until it has sought to sign up to the social chapter.

Ministers will try to separate the social chapter from the bill which will by then be law. There will be intense pressure on the Tory Euro-sceptics not to vote for what ministers have built up as the bogey of Euro-socialism. But they could see Labour's amendment as a way of delaying ratification.

Defeat would be, at the very least, highly embarrassing for the prime minister in view of his strong opposition to the social chapter. It is possible, however, that the Commons and Lords might vote in different ways. Even if the government loses, it could still go ahead and ratify the treaty, promising a white paper on the social chapter in the autumn. That would lead to legal challenge and political protests about defying the will of the Commons.

The betting is still that it will be all right on the night for the government. But the Tory whips will not be able to relax until the Commons rises for the recess.

PETER RIDDELL

UK 'free to stay out of ERM'

BY JONATHAN PRYNN

RATIFYING the Maastricht treaty will not commit Britain to re-entering the exchange-rate mechanism, peers were told yesterday. On the second day of the Lords committee stage of the Maastricht bill, Lord Caithness, a government spokesman, said the monetary union opt-out negotiated by John Major would allow the UK to "retain full competency" of its monetary policy.

He also dismissed Euro-sceptic fears that ratification would undermine the power of the Bank of England or would make political union inevitable. Britain was in an enviable position, he said, because it would still be able to influence the development of monetary union while retaining the right to opt-out of it.

Lord Caithness was responding to a speech from Lord Tebbit in a debate on a Euro-sceptic amendment seeking to delete references to economic and monetary union from the treaty. He was repeatedly pressed by Euro-sceptic peers on whether the government supported or opposed monetary union for the other members of the Community. "All he has to say is yes or no," said Lord Tebbit, who tabled the amendment.

Lord Caithness said the government did not have to make up its mind about stage three of economic and monetary union at this point because of the opt-out negotiated by John Major. "It might be that we do meet the convergence conditions ... but for various reasons we do not wish to elect to go on to stage three."

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Babangida annuls Nigeria's 'cleanest and fairest' election

FROM ELIZABETH OBADINA IN LAGOS

■ The military has again frustrated the return to democratic civilian rule. Britain is reassessing relations with its former colony

NIGERIA'S military rulers yesterday annulled the June 12 presidential election, widely held to be the cleanest and fairest in the country's history. The poll was intended to usher in civilian government on August 27.

The national defence and security council, headed by President Babangida, adjourned talks after the annulment until today, when it hopes to complete its deliberations. The president will address the nation afterwards.

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said he deplored the annulment and that Britain would be reassessing relations with its former colony. He said the decision would increase tensions in the West African state, and he urged all parties to "respond peacefully". The decision would also have "serious implications" for Nigeria's relations with the international community. At the campaign headquarters of Chief Moshood Abiola, the presidential candidate of the Social Democratic Party, which established an early lead in the poll, people huddled together in silence. The big green gates that have been open to crowds of wellwishers for weeks swung shut when security guards heard yesterday morning's radio announcement.

Chief Abiola was not at home, having flown to Katsina state on the fringes of the Sahara for the burial of Musa Yar Adua, 87, the father of Major General Yar Adua. General Yar Adua was deputy to General Olusegun Obasanjo, who handed power back to a civilian government in 1979. He nearly won the presidential nomination for the SDP before being disqualified by the military government late last year, and is a powerful political force among the Hausa-Fulani of northern Nigeria.

Chief Abiola, a Yoruba Muslim millionaire businessman, had confounded pundits by winning his predominantly Christian western home states and the Hausa-Fulani northern home state, Kano, of his conservative rival, Alhaji Bashir Tofa, of the National Republican Convention.

The Christian Igbo vote of the east appeared split, marking an end to traditional Igbo adherence to conservatism — a phenomenon which repeated itself throughout the middle belt, central and far eastern states of Nigeria, which are home to many of the nation's 250 ethnic minorities.

Four days after the election, with half the results officially declared, the high court in Abuja, the capital, granted an injunction to a pro-military rule pressure group, halting the official release of the final results. High courts in other states of the federation swiftly issued counter-injunctions, ordering the national electoral commission to release the results. The commission lodged an appeal against the Abuja order with the federal court of appeal.

The commission believed itself to be immune from court orders under a clause of the presidential election decree 13, which was passed earlier this year. Now the military government has swept aside decree 13 and decree 52, on the transition to civil rule, to "protect our legal system and the judiciary from being ridiculed and politicised nationally and internationally".

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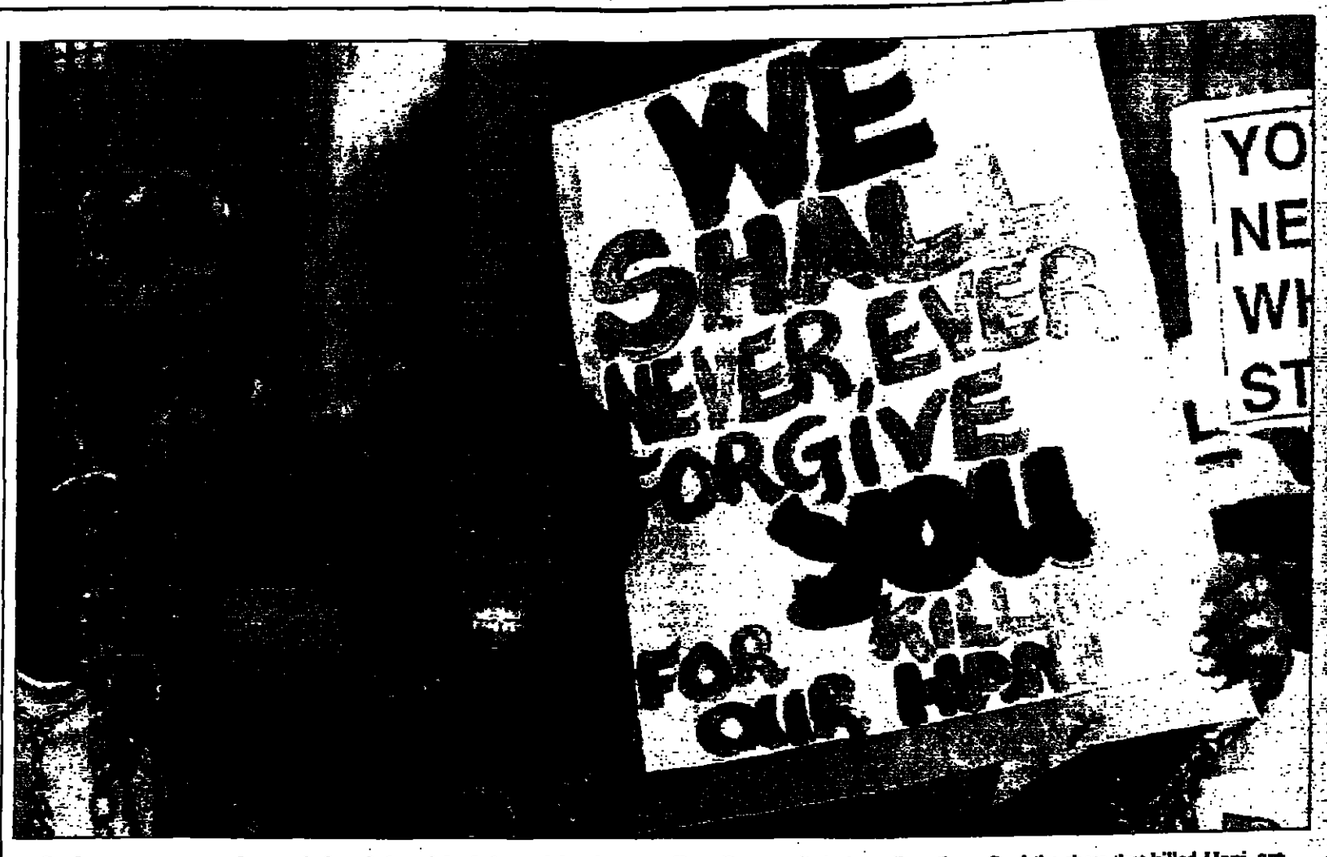


Cry for vengeance: one of a crowd of supporters of Chris Hani, the assassinated general secretary of the South African Communist Party, who demonstrated outside the Witwatersrand supreme court in Johannesburg yesterday, the opening day of the trial of three right-wingers charged with murdering him on April 10. Inside the court, Mr Justice C. F. Eloff said he was postponing the trial "for procedural matters to be resolved", adding that he expected the full case to start on October 4 (Ross Dunn writes). As well as the murder charge, Clive Derby-Lewis and his wife Gaye, both prominent members of the Conservative party, and Janusz Walus, the Polish immigrant member of the Afrikaner Resistance Movement who allegedly fired the shots that killed Hani, are charged with conspiracy to murder eight public figures, including Nelson Mandela, the president of the African National Congress, and with the illegal possession of arms and ammunition.

Mandela puts peace offer to Buthelezi

FROM RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

NELSON Mandela, president of the African National Congress, yesterday made an offer to Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, leader of the Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party, that he will find it difficult to refuse. He proposed that the two should appear publicly at rallies to try to bring peace to violence-torn areas.

The suggestion was contained in an opening statement delivered at a meeting between the two men, which was brought about by church leaders and held in a secluded church building, near where the multiparty constitutional negotiations on a post-apartheid South Africa are making tortuous progress.

Mr Mandela's offer represented a significant concession and a shrewd tactical move. Until now the ANC has held that joint appearances could backfire on the organisation and alienate its supporters in Natal province and the KwaZulu homeland, Inkatha's strongholds. Mr Mandela said: "The fact is that on both sides mistakes have been committed. The question is whether we are going to look to the future or whether we are going to remain prisoners of the past."

Chief Buthelezi appeared in a more critical mood, listing what he said were scathing remarks made by Mr Mandela about him. He said: "I could not understand how you, sir, could talk about my hands dripping with the blood of other black people."

Eight Somalis killed in raid on UN

FROM SAM KILEY IN MOGADISHU AND ROGER BOYES IN BONN

EIGHT Somalis died in an attack on the United Nations headquarters compound in Mogadishu yesterday in a battle that exposed the vulnerability of the new UN "get-tough" policy.

The ability of largely untrained gunmen to strike at the UN's nerve centre in Somalia has confirmed fears that the warlords' militias, facing a threat to their rule by the gun, are able to counter-attack.

No accurate information was available on who launched the attack, in which 81mm mortars were fired on Tunisian troops stationed on the perimeter of the cantonment. It may have come from militia loyal to General Muhammad Farrah Aidid, who has been on the run from the UN for a week. However, the shells could have been fired by members of the Abgal clan, loyal to Ali Mahdi Muhammad, General Aidid's enemy.

Few observers have found fault with the UN's decision to increase the pace of disarmament in Somalia, and most agree that the policy should include what the United Nations now calls "enforced disarmament". Some are concerned that the Abgal clan, or other enemies of General Aidid, may try to fill the vacuum that his disappearance has produced.

Boutros Boutros Ghali, the UN secretary-general, yesterday urged Bonn to send ground troops to Somalia and said that a German withdrawal would cause serious problems for the peacekeeping mission. He made his plea as the German constitutional court met to decide whether to stop the deployment of 1,700 German soldiers to the garrison of Belet Uen, north of the Somali capital. Political sources said the court seemed to be ready to approve the mission provided that the deployment was discussed in parliament first. The verdict was expected last night.

Dr Boutros Ghali, who promised that the UN would respect the judgment of the court, emphasised that a German pullout would damage the Somali operation and the standing of the UN as a whole. "It is certain that it [a withdrawal] would create a lot of problems for our peace mission in Somalia. I don't want to use the word catastrophe but, honestly speaking, it would create a lot of difficulties for the United Nations, for the Somali people, and for peace in Somalia. But what is more important is that it would create a precedent."

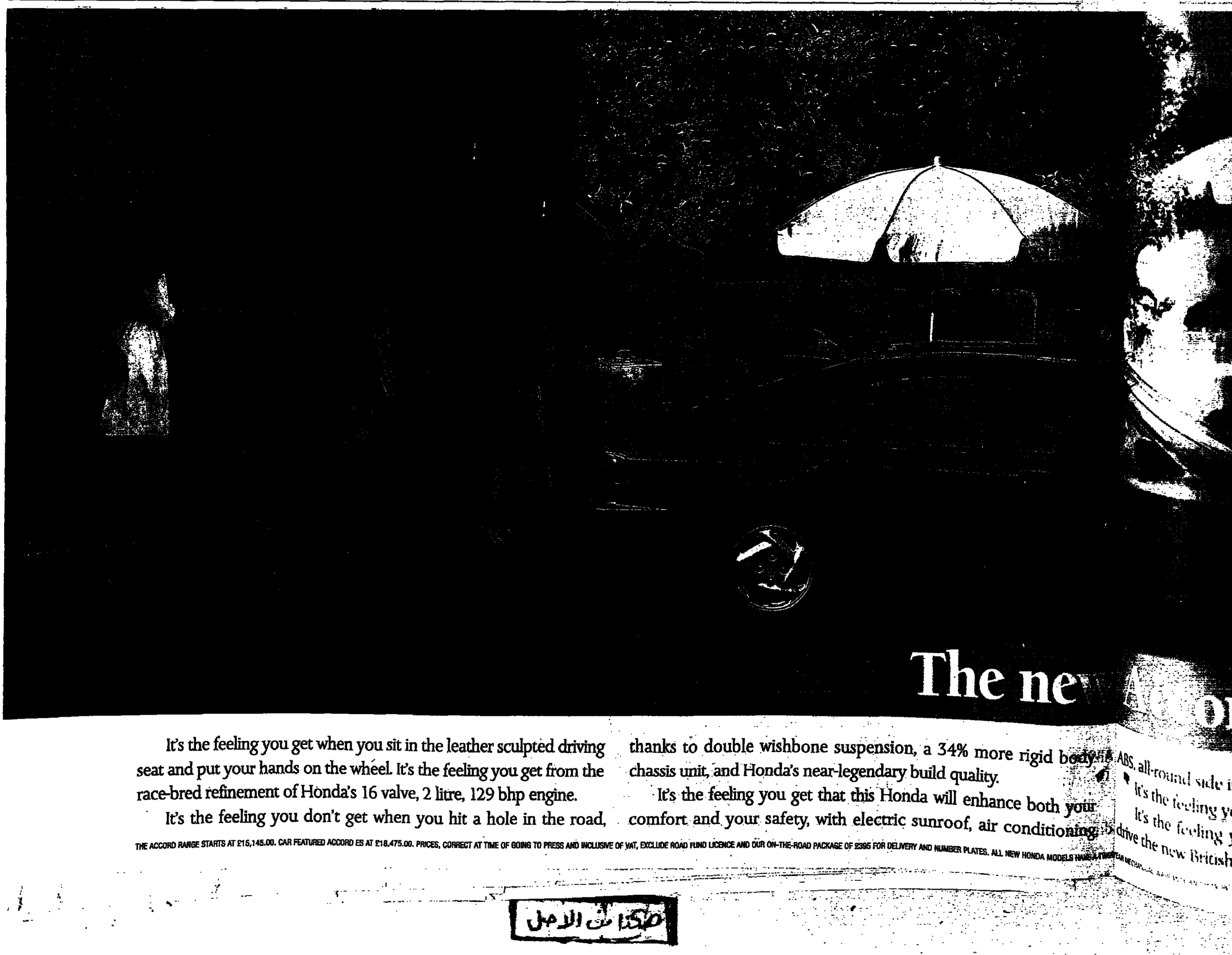
Dr Ghali now has a lever on Germany, which is already a large financial contributor to the UN coffers. Since Bonn has taken an interest in acquiring a permanent seat on the security council, the UN can demand a bigger active role in peacekeeping.

Call girls get training help

FROM REUTER IN SYDNEY

PROSTITUTES in Australia may get their own training video — thanks to a government grant.

The Australia Council, the national arts funding body, said yesterday that it had given $Aus6,280 (£2,800) to the Workers in Sex Employment Collective in Canberra to produce a script for a training video. The film will cover the history of prostitution, talk about safe sex, take cameras into brothels, and interview prostitutes about discrimination.



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Political pioneers pledge reform

Miyazawa defectors present new party

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

THE metamorphosis of Japanese party politics moved forward again yesterday as a bewildered electorate was presented with its second new political party in the space of three days.

Holding hands to demonstrate their unity like a nervous football team before a match, a group of 44 defectors from the ruling Liberal Democratic Party announced the creation of their "born-again" party, the Shinseito, which is dedicated, like all the others, to political reform.

If the substantive ideologies and policies of the new party were a little obscure, the vocabulary was terrific. "Shinseito is new, fresh, and portentous. We have been born to promote a new force, a new breeze, a new voice and a new system. We will create a new Japan," proclaimed the born-again and freshly hairstyled Tsutomu Hata, the former LDP finance minister who leads the band of political pioneers.

In a country that has created a football team called the Kashima Antlers, a car called the Subaru Cappuccino, and a cerebral current affairs magazine called *Lettuce*, the translation of Shinseito is no easy matter. "Rejuvenation party" is the official translation and it may be a mere coincidence that it promises Japan a "new conservatism", just as the "Harbinger party" did when it was established on Monday by a separate group of ten LDP renegades.

With a clear Rejuvenation party platform yet to be articulated, image is all for Japanese voters. They will go to the polls on July 18 to vote in the snap election which was triggered by the dissolution of the lower house last Friday after a vote of no confidence was passed against Kiichi Miyazawa's cabinet. Mr Miyazawa was charged with failing to deliver on his promise to introduce legislation to clean up Japan's money driven and scandal-prone political world. It was with image in mind, however, that the Rejuvenation party decided not to invite its own deputy president to the launch press conference. Ichiro Ozawa, who is considered to be the power behind the new party, has kept a low profile since he and his cohorts lead the revolt against Mr Miyazawa, presumably because he is known to be the protégé of the three most scandal-tainted and manifestly corrupt LDP leaders to have emerged in the past 20 years: the leading villains of the Lockheed, the Recruit and the Sagawa Kyubin scandals.

A poll in the *Mainichi Shimbun* on Tuesday found that 79 per cent supported the Hata-Ozawa group's defection from the LDP, but only 8 per cent said they would vote for a party led by them.

Image for the LDP has also assumed a vast new importance now that there is real uncertainty that the party will be able to hang on to the important lower house majority it has held without interruption for the past 38 years. Toshiki Kaifu, the former prime minister, who was unceremoniously dumped from his post in 1991 after he became a little too earnest in his pursuit of political reform, was shoved to the fore yesterday to represent the conscience of the LDP and announce the party's own rejuvenated "league for the promotion of political reform".

Hata: promises a new political force

Mr Kaifu, relishing the resumption of his old role as the party's Mr Clean, said: "The LDP is united in its determination to introduce political reform. It is only a matter of time." Seiroku Kajiyama, the LDP secretary-general, dismissed the Rejuvenation party last night as "merely a bunch of radicals". He said: "I doubt if they have any vision." He was sure LDP would succeed in winning a simple majority in the election.

Speculation about the need for a coalition government has dominated the local media, however, and attention is focused on the potential meeting of minds of the Harbingers, the Rejuvenations, the established opposition parties and a clutch of other new reform-minded groups.

Masayoshi Takemura, leader of the Harbinger party, rejected the idea of joining forces with the Rejuvenation party, saying he did not wish to be associated with politicians who are part of the old-style LDP political machine. Morihiro Hosokawa, the leader of the popular Japan New party, which was formed last year as a reformist alternative to the LDP, was equally scathing about possible links with Rejuvenation. "Many of the leaders of Shinseito have played leading roles in the LDP and are part of that system. We will maintain our distance." Unfortunately for the reform-minded Japan New party, evidence emerged earlier this month linking Mr Hosokawa to the Sagawa Kyubin corruption scandal.

For an electorate, galvanised by the prospect of a realignment in their hitherto stagnant and corrupt political world, the biggest problem now is to sort out the genuine reformists from the mere opportunists.

Monster move: a replica Tyrannosaurus, which had been stored in a warehouse, making its entrance at the Tokyo Dome where it will feature next month in the "Dino-park" exhibition of 75 life-size models

Investors learn of Peking fraud

FROM CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

ABOUT 100,000 investors in a Chinese company have been told that the bonds they bought for a total of £115 million are almost worthless and that they are the victims of a massive fraud.

Shen Taifu, the mastermind behind the Great Wall Corporation, is under arrest and some 120 government officials are being investigated.

Mr Shen issued high-risk bonds and offered interest rates of between 24 and 48 per cent. With registered capital of only about £34,000 when he started the corporation in 1989, just three years later he issued £115 million of bonds, setting up 120 subsidiary companies and transferring millions into his personal account.

In March he was arrested at Peking airport using a counterfeit identity card to buy a ticket for a flight to southern China.

Britain and China trade insults as talks flounder

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY, EAST ASIA EDITOR, IN HONG KONG

■ The latest Sino-British talks on Hong Kong have started as "normal" — diplomatic speak for another round of recrimination

IT WILL be a cold summer in Hong Kong. The meeting of the Joint Liaison Group, the Sino-British body intended to settle technical matters such as airports, tunnels, and television franchises straddling the 1997 handover of the colony, ended its three-day meeting yesterday in a welter of mutual recriminations.

Simultaneously, the sixth round of negotiations over modest constitutional changes for Hong Kong began in Peking with Sir Robin McLaren, the British ambassador to China, describing the first day as normal. Since officials have already said that the first five rounds were virtually useless, this was a bleak assessment.

The last full meeting of the liaison group was in December, when the British side endured a diatribe against Chris Patten, the colony's governor. Yesterday was marginally better: there was a statement which could be summed up as a "stalemate".

Anthony Galsworthy, the chief British negotiator in the liaison group, said: "I am not going to try to hide from you that this has been rather a disappointing meeting." Placing the blame on Peking, he said: "It is clear that the Chinese side approached this meeting with the intention of allowing only minimal progress." He concluded with the bleak assessment: "As the Chinese themselves say, you cannot clap with one hand."

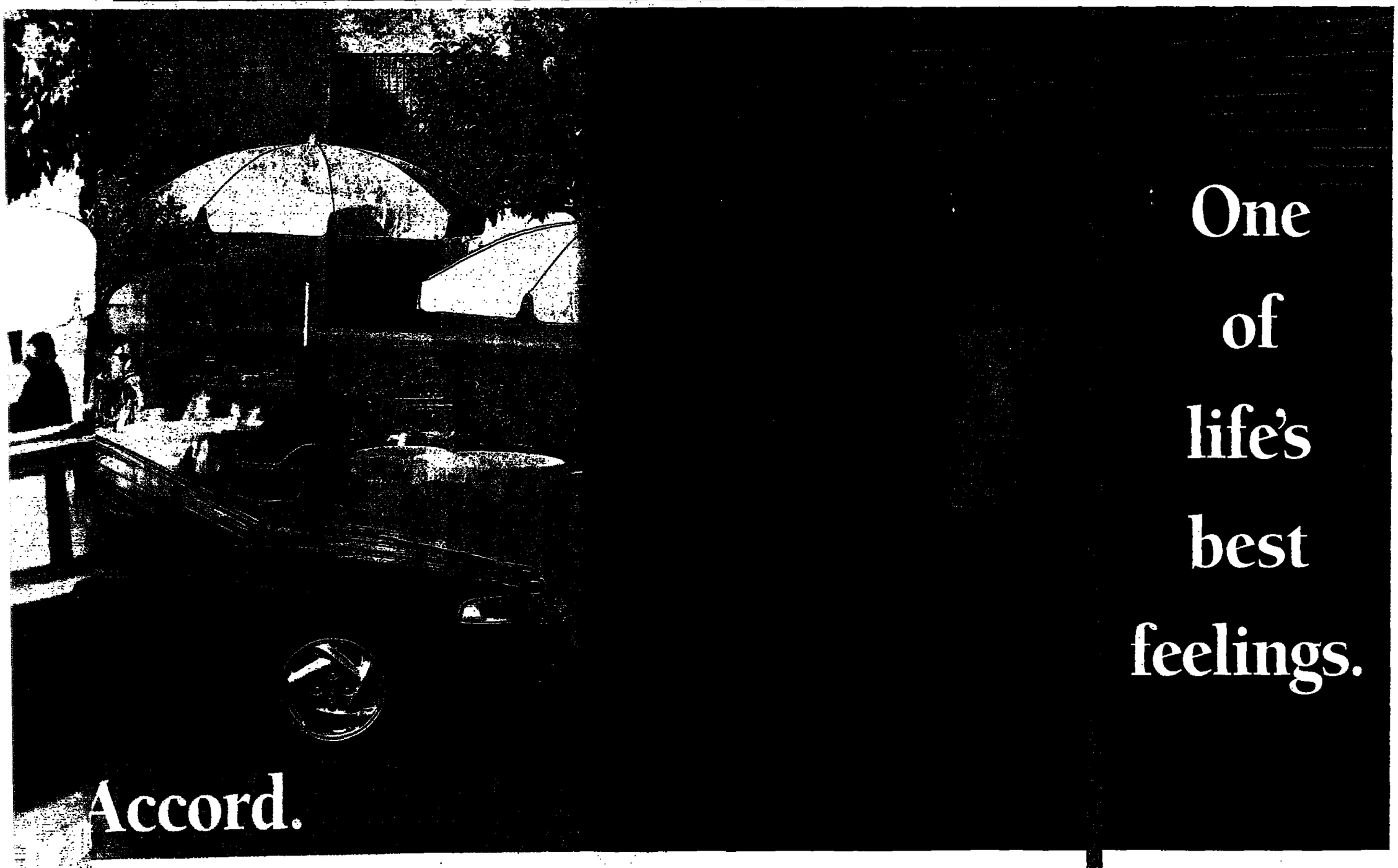
Mr Galsworthy's counterpart, Guo Fengmin, equally blamed Britain. "The Chinese side have exerted themselves," he said. "We have put many questions to the British for a long time. We asked for information. But they delay. To achieve progress there must be joint efforts."

Mr Patten later observed: "I hope that if the Chinese side have any information which they would like to have, they actually ask for it before meetings and not complain at meetings or after meetings."

Mr Guo was unwilling to specify what information was not provided. But he reiterated: "Whether in small or big meetings there must be adherence to the Joint Declaration, the Basic Law, and the series of understandings."

The British do not argue about the first two; but the third, a reference to an exchange of seven letters in 1991 between the two governments on the future composition of Hong Kong's Legislative Council, has bedevilled every session of the negotiations. Peking insists a deal was reached which invalidates the Patten proposals; Britain claims the letters were merely part of a discussion.

This total disagreement explained Mr Galsworthy's charge yesterday that, although the Chinese did not link their behaviour at the liasion group meeting to the Peking talks, "they see a link. We see none." He added: "The Chinese may think they can pressure Britain in a wider context. This won't work."



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Informers reveal clan feuding

Anti-Mafia raids net 160 Calabria suspects

FROM PHILIP WILLAN IN ROME

■ The crackdown on extortion and drug trafficking has spread to southern Italy. Clues to gangland murders are surfacing

ITALIAN police arrested more than 160 people yesterday in an anti-Mafia operation in the southern province of Calabria. Magistrates in the city of Catanzaro issued more than 200 arrest warrants for crimes including Mafia association, arms and drug trafficking, extortion, usury and robbery.

Investigators said Catanzaro had been infiltrated by the Calabrian version of the Mafia, known as the 'Ndrangheta. Mariano Lombardi, the anti-Mafia prosecutor, said: "There was not a businessman who had not been subjected to the extortion demands of the clans, which, we believe, have been dealt a severe blow."

The dawn raids, codenamed Operation Falcon, had been prompted by the testimony of three former members of the 'Ndrangheta who agreed to collaborate with the authorities. One of the supergrasses was Saverio Giampà, 28, who turned state's evidence to escape assassination after diverting clan funds to his personal use.

Police said they believed they had arrested the people responsible for a number of murders carried out in 1991 and 1992 in inter-clan feuding. Police also arrested the members of two crime families, headed by Antonio Chiefari and Giuliano Cortese, accused of trafficking in arms and drugs between Calabria and Switzerland. Those arrested included the head of a travel agency that runs weekly coach trips to Switzerland.

Investigators said the next stage of their enquiry would concentrate on the alleged links between organised crime and local politicians and administrators. Among the victims of the extortion racket was Lodigiani, a Milan-based construction company, part of a consortium building a tunnel in Catanzaro, which was forced to make a down-payment to the clans of £100,000 and further payments of £15,000 a month. Lodigiani is one of the firms that is now embroiled in the national scandal involving bribery for public contracts.

Fininvest, a holding company owned by Silvio Berlusconi, a media magnate, has become the latest business to attract the attention of Milan's anti-corruption magistrates. On Tuesday, Fedele Confalonieri, the managing director of Fininvest Comunicazioni, Signor Berlusconi's PR arm, was named on an official list of people under investigation.

Last week, Aldo Brancher, a Fininvest executive, was arrested for allegedly funnelling £150,000 to the Liberal party.

Le Pen sets sights on Scotland

FROM TOM WALKER IN STRASBOURG

JEAN-MARIE Le Pen, the French National Front leader, vowed yesterday that his extreme right-wing group of members of the European parliament would defy a storm of protest and hold a conference in Edinburgh next month, largely at the expense of European Community taxpayers.

At a heated press conference in Strasbourg, M Le Pen condemned an article in *The Guardian* alleging that his group of 14 MEPs (Germans, French and one Belgian) receives almost ten times as much taxpayers' money per head as any other party for "study trips" abroad. He denied, however, that his party's telephone hotline in France had described *The Guardian* as a "nauseating dishcloth".

He said that he and his group would go to Edinburgh and accused socialist MEPs in Strasbourg of trying to "sow fear among their colleagues". He refused to say who his party would meet in Scotland from July 5-9. "I am tempted to say, whoever we like," he said. "It doesn't concern you, sir. We will do what we want to do."

Fighting talk: Jean-Marie Le Pen said he would hold talks with whomsoever he liked and accused socialist MEPs of trying to sow fear among colleagues

NEWS IN BRIEF

Russian scientists plan strike

Moscow: Scientists at four Russian centres responsible for dismantling nuclear weapons have threatened to stop work today in protest over pay and conditions.

Sergei Yermakov, spokesman for the atomic energy ministry, said the scientists, who are dismantling the missiles under arms agreements with America, planned the stoppage because of delays in getting paid. He said the ministry had no money to give them. "They have threatened to stop dismantling nuclear charges," he said by telephone. *(Reuter)*

Trial ruling

Strasbourg: The European Court of Human Rights ruled that Spain had failed to give José María Ruiz Mateos a fair trial over the state takeover of his Rumasa business empire, but dismissed his claim for compensation. *(Reuter)*

Aide accused

Paris: The prosecution in France's biggest insider-trading scandal demanded exemplary prison sentences against Alain Boublil, once an aide to Pierre Bérégovoy, the late prime minister, and several financiers. *(Reuter)*

Floods spread

Dhaka: Tens of thousands of people were fighting for survival in northeastern Bangladesh as fresh floods engulfed farming settlements, leaving at least 130 dead near the Assam hills area.

Banda amnesty

Harare: President Banda announced an amnesty for Malawian political exiles opposed to his 29-year regime to enable them to return home and participate in the formation of a new plural democracy.

Asylum sought

London: Seven East Timorese fleeing the Indonesian occupation of their island have sought political asylum in the Swedish and Finnish embassies in Jakarta. The seven have been on the run since 1991.

Treason charge

Miami: Jorge Serrano, the former Guatemalan president removed from office on June 1 after trying to seize near-dictatorial powers, may be charged with treason for abandoning claims over Belize.

False note

Paris: A magistrate placed French rock singer Johnny Hallyday under investigation for suspected fraud and misappropriation of £300,000 company funds. *(Reuter)*

Georgia appeals to Nato

FROM REUTER IN BRUSSELS

EDUARD Shevardnadze, the Georgian leader, urged Nato yesterday to give immediate assistance to end conflict in the former Soviet republics and to help create new armies.

Addressing Nato's council during a two-day visit, he said that the situation had deteriorated in the newly independent nations and Nato should intervene before it was too late. Besides seeking help in setting up national armies, he also sought Nato's role in settling the conflict in the Georgian province of Abkhazia, where more than 3,000 people have died as separatists battle for independence.

On a lighter note, Mr Shevardnadze, the former Soviet foreign minister, said he was so exhilarated by his first visit to Nato in 1989 that he forgot to take his secret documents with him. "My excitement was so overwhelming I did something utterly unforgivable and left behind all my working papers in the negotiating room." He said that among the papers, brought to a meeting a month after the fall of the Berlin Wall, included a document on "Co-operation between Nato and Warsaw Pact" with a huge question mark next to the title. They were later returned.

Bonn wins time in battle of capitals

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

Germany's hard-up government is preparing to delay even further the shift of the capital from Bonn to Berlin. According to a catalogue of economising measures drawn up by Theo Waigel, the finance minister, the Bundestag will not move to Berlin until the next century. His scheme will, however, allow the parliament to meet in the old (and former East German) capital before then, but only on special occasions.

Sir Norman Foster, the British architect, has been officially confirmed as the designer responsible for converting the Reichstag into a modern parliament. How much cash will be available for the conversion is, however, still unclear and Herr Waigel admits that building work will have to continue into the next century. That is a substantial retreat from the June 1991 decision that "the working conditions for parliament in Berlin should be established within four years". The official reason being given is again finance — Herr Waigel's proposals, leaked to the press yesterday, should save the budget almost DM6 billion (£2.4 billion) in the next three years.

Bonn lobbyists believe, however, that they have scored their first victory in the rearguard battle against the shift of capitals. A strange coalition of moonlighting diplomats, politicians with mistresses, Rhineland entrepreneurs, local waiters and taxi-drivers have been actively lobbying to postpone "The Great Move" until far into the 21st century.

John Le Carré's *A Small Town in Germany* has developed its own rhythms and rituals. The other day I passed somebody who appeared to be a handyman mowing a neighbour's lawn. I proposed that he should tackle my garden as well and he promptly agreed. He explained though that he would have to fit in the garden work around his normal duties, and I now have a relatively senior but impoverished Hungarian diplomat working for me.

Romanian diplomats, even more hard up, are trying to set up a dairy business. Even British diplomats can be spotted selling their bric-a-brac at the local fleamarket. Would any of this happen in Berlin? It seems unlikely. Whole embassies, too, are reluctant to move. The Syrians, for instance, have just completed an expensive marbled embassy with tinkling fountains.

As for German politicians, the emotional commitment to Berlin is looking less attractive by the day. Some have bought houses in the countryside around Bonn, but the worst hit are those with mistresses, set up in apartments in Cologne and north Bonn.

Waigel: put forward ways to save money

Five terrible things that will never happen to you.

STRUCK BY COCKTAIL STICK

A SURREY BUSINESSMAN was recovering last night from emergency surgery to remove a cocktail stick which he had swallowed at his office party last December. ... chest pains. Surgeons finally removed the stick, which had not shown up under X-rays, from an artery wall. "It was a close thing," admitted the senior surgeon.

CAT NIP TURNS NASTY

ONE YEAR AFTER being bitten by a stray cat she had adopted, Mrs Hazel Whittingstone, a teacher, of Chiddingfold was being treated in the emergency ward of Chelmsford hospital for a rare infection caused by the bite. It will be several weeks before she will be back in the classroom, say doctors.

...ree catapults gardener 30 feet

A STORM-DAMAGED TREE hurled a gardener into the air when he attempted to saw through the topmost branches.

Joseph Stebbings, aged 41, of The Bungalow, East Bergholt, had been working on the fallen tree when it sprang back, tossing him into a neighbour's garden 30 feet away.

He suffered multiple injuries and a hospital spokesman said it would be several months before Mr Stebbings would be fit to work again.

Falling dog kills three

A DOG, which fell from the 13th floor of a Birmingham tower block, caused the deaths of three people in a freak chain reaction.

The first victim, Edith Cary, 72, was killed instantly when the dog fell on her head.

The next victim was Kenneth Dyer, 46, who was hit by a bus as he ran to help the injured pensioner.

Finally, the shock proved too much for a passer-by who witnessed the event and collapsed with a heart attack. He died in the ambulance on the way to hospital.

Mystery pineapple ...

POLICE ... garden ... which ... smash ... pineapple ... explosive was thrown from ... moving car.

Mr Arthur Bash, aged 36, of ... Avenue, Read... Crewe, suffered concussion and a fractured collar bone and was last night recovering in hospital.

"It could never happen to me." We've all said it, including, no doubt, the hapless victims of the quite extraordinary events shown above. (We've changed some of the details so as not to cause offence.)

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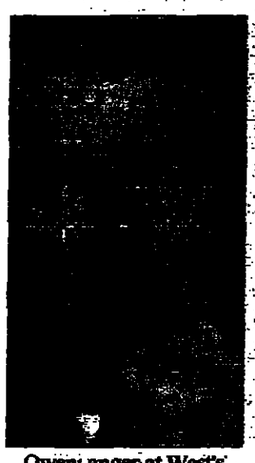
Owen castigates international intrigue that killed peace plan



Owen: anger at West's "green light" to Serbs

*The co-author of the rejected peace deal tells **Misha Glenny** about his fears of a new chapter of misery for the people of Bosnia-Herzegovina*

EVEN by his own impressive standards, David Owen's language is becoming blunt. "I beg people to realise that we can't go through another winter with the fighting in Bosnia-Herzegovina without the most appalling misery."

With all the diplomatic toing and froing, Lord Owen believes people are losing sight of how desperate the situation has become. "Nowhere near as much agricultural land is going to be utilised. The extent to which the housing stock is vulnerable to winter weather is far greater than it was last year."

The co-author of the Vance-Owen peace plan says that wanton destruction in Bosnia-Herzegovina has now become endemic. He adds that it is not just the Serbs who are up to their old tricks. "I think over the last three weeks all three [sides] have behaved as if it's a free for all. ... and I still don't think people are focusing enough on how bad this situation is humanitarian-wise, economic-wise, water-wise, electricity-wise, health-wise in Bosnia now."

Serbs and Croats are preparing, it seems, to administer the last rites over Europe's youngest and most terminally ill state, Bosnia-Herzegovina. Apart from Bosnia's Muslims, Lord Owen is still committed to stopping them. Struggling against Sisyphean odds, he is clearly angry with those who mixed the powerful cocktail of political interests that knocked out the Vance-Owen peace plan.

Lord Owen, while being careful not to apportion blame directly, nonetheless feels that the Washington declaration, which was signed by America, Russia, Britain, France and Spain, gave a green light to the Serbs to consolidate territory acquired by force.

"The perception that the Serbs would be allowed to keep their gains which emerged out of the Washington declaration has led to a much more overt espousal of the Bosnian Croats' mini-state than was previously the case," he declares. The breakdown in Muslim-Croat relations, which Lord Owen believes was accelerated by the declaration, was a big blow to the peace plan.

Until the declaration, America liberally denounced the Vance/Owen plan for "appeasing Serbian aggression" and "legitimising ethnic cleansing".

It is one of the deeper ironies of the Yugoslav conflict that, after much emotive rhetoric about Muslim rights in Bosnia, the Clinton administration finally puts diplomatic weight behind a policy that could only usher in a Serb-Croat carve-up. While refusing to endorse the new Serb-Croat deal on Bosnia, he disputes the claim that it violates the resolutions of the London conference.

"We do know that they are not going to propose a break-up of Bosnia-Herzegovina," he maintains, but adds that the European Community must monitor whether the Serbs and Croats accept the nine constitutional principles of the peace "If they qualify them, what safeguards can we build in to guard against fragmentation?"

According to Lord Owen, it is now up to the European Community and the United Nations to "lay down the minumum criteria and the maximum criteria acceptable". He has always vigorously opposed the lifting of the UN arms embargo on the Bosnian government. Apart from the threat to peace-keepers and international aid workers, he suspects that it could provoke a wider war in the Balkans.

As far as he is concerned, the central task beyond salvaging some concept of Bosnian sovereighty is to ensure international guarantees for the two Muslim republics in any future Bosnian federation or confederation.

"In central Bosnia, everything depends on its size and its access, and these are points that I have made very forcefully to the Serbs and Croats, and reiterated very firmly to the EC, that access from Tuzla to Brcko, the Sava river, is of the utmost importance."

If Lord Owen does fail to keep Bosnia-Herzegovina together, it will not have been for want of trying. The peace plan was destroyed by international intrigue, born apparently of ignorance, which combined cosily with Serb and Muslim intransigence.

"We are facing, and I don't think this is being understood enough in New York, a very marked deterioration on the ground day by day, hour by hour," Lord Owen concludes. "That means we have to get the politicians to realise that there isn't any longer the luxury of languid talks and endless consultations."

Misha Glenny is the author of The Fall of Yugoslavia

Bush aides launch forum to reshape US foreign policy

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

SENIOR members of the Bush administration yesterday launched something approaching a government-in-exile to try to inject coherence and direction into American foreign policy during President Clinton's term.

With the new White House so far failing to provide the world with clear and purposeful leadership, the team of experienced foreign policy experts announced the creation of the Forum for International Policy, an organisation without obvious precedent that aims to provide a running commentary on developing foreign crises and how America should react.

The forum is officially bipartisan, but its board is chaired by Lawrence Eagleburger, the former secretary of state, and includes Brent Scowcroft, formerly Mr Bush's national security adviser, Robert Gates, former CIA director, and Carla Hills, the former American trade representative.

It is staffed almost exclusively by mid-level officials from the Bush administration. Mr Scowcroft said former President Bush, whose concentration on foreign affairs may have cost him re-election last year, was "enthusiastic about the need for it". He did not rule out Mr Bush's future involvement. The veneer of bipartisanship was provided only by the inclusion on the board of Robert Strauss, a Democrat appointed by Mr Bush as ambassador to Moscow, two former members of the Jimmy Carter administration and a former Democratic congressman.

Given the prominence and formidable internationalist credentials of its members, the forum seems destined to be both a powerful voice and a thorn in the side of a young administration that has pledged to make America's domestic problems its top priority. Through briefings, papers and conferences it intends to be a "steady voice" aiming to "provide clear perspectives on international issues, highlight developments not yet in the public eye, and discuss appropriate roles for the US to play".

Announcing the launch, Mr Scowcroft did not explicitly criticise the Clinton administration's foreign policy, which he called a "mixed bag" whose outlines were developing, but his reservations were implicit in almost everything he said.

Last month Peter Tarnoff, the State Department's third most senior official, suggested that an economically weakened America would have to scale back its global leadership now the Cold War was over. Mr Scowcroft said the end of the Cold War demanded strong, enlightened leadership that only America could provide.

He said the world was at a crossroads, faced with unique dangers but unique opportunities, and America did not have the luxury of postponing action abroad and turning inwards "until we get our domestic house in order". The forum was "dedicated to leadership".

Mr Scowcroft issued a warning against America's growing post-Cold War "indifference" to events overseas and in particular against excessive or precipitate cuts in the American defence budget. "The perception of power is frequently as important as the actuality of power itself," he said.

The forum's emergence came just after Mr Clinton had caused yet more confusion in Europe by sending Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, a letter restating the case for arming Bosnia's Muslims. White House aides scrambled to explain that the president was not pressing anew for that course which Britain, France and Russia have rejected.

The administration's seeming vacillation during its first five months on issues as diverse as Bosnia-Herzegovina, Haiti, China and international trade has alarmed America's allies and internationalists abroad.

Gatt process approved

Washington: President Clinton's has won congressional approval to extend the so-called fast-track negotiating authority for a world trade accord (Wolfgang Münchau writes). This will allow his administration to present an eventual deal under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade to Congress as a package that cannot be amended. The renewal is effective until April 16, 1994, but, since the president must give Congress 120 days' notice, the effective deadline hanging over the Gatt process is December 15.

Hands off: British UN officers protecting President Izetbegovic of Bosnia from journalists after his arrival at Sarajevo airport from Geneva

Major ready for sanctions against Croatia

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Bosnian presidency who travelled to Geneva against the wishes of Mr Izetbegovic were due to meet Mr Milosevic and Mr Tudjman in the first face-to-face three-way talks since the war in Bosnia began, but a spokesman for Lord Owen said last night: "That coin is still up in the air".

Dr Karadzic claimed he was ready to make concessions and said the Muslims should accept a deal. "Muslims will get the best part of the country, about 30 per cent, but more than 50 per cent of the wealth," he said. He wanted Bosnia divided into three ethnic states, "but if the international community wants us to stay together then it should be a confederation".

Before the talks, Lord Owen said the mediators would emphasise the need for a "reasonable and just solution," and would point out to Mr Milosevic and Mr Tudjman "the judgment of world opinion on any propositions they have". Last Wednesday, Serbia and Croatia took the initiative away from Lord Owen and Mr Stoltenberg in the search for a peace deal.

In London, Mr Major reported to MPs on the outcome of the Copenhagen summit and said that extending sanctions to Croatia may be necessary. "It's certainly not something I would wish to rule out. We may ourselves well wish to go down that path." In Paris, Edouard Balladur, the prime minister, reiterated France's rejection of any move to lift the embargo. "That would put an end to all peace-making efforts," he said.

In Strasbourg, Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, the Danish prime minister, said that a possible lifting of the embargo should not even be discussed. "My point of view is that you should not talk about lifting weapons embargoes before you have tried all other possibilities."

America can meanwhile credibly oppose the proposed UN resolution on lifting the embargo because it contains a clause on air strikes that goes well beyond Washington's position. However, it could yet be obliged to support it if the non-aligned nations — principally Venezuela and Pakistan — were to remove that clause.

Administration officials continued to deny that Mr Clinton was mounting a fresh drive to persuade the allies to arm the Muslims despite his weekend letter to Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, in which he stated: "I would urge that you support lifting the embargo when you meet with your colleagues tomorrow." Herr Kohl took that sentence literally, provoking a heated debate at the EC summit. White House officials scrambled to explain that Mr Clinton was merely restating the US position at the request of Turkey, which supports lifting the embargo. European officials said yesterday that they accepted that explanation.

The aircraft carrier *Invincible* is to set sail for the Adriatic next month to replace *Ark Royal*, which will have completed six months on "Bosnian watch" duty. The cost of having a carrier in the Adriatic with escort ships has exceeded £4 million.

Tobacco firms sue on passive smoking

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

LEADING tobacco companies are suing the American government over an official report which claims that passive smoking causes 3,000 lung cancer deaths a year among non-smokers. The tobacco lobby's central claim is that the report is based on flawed statistical evidence.

The industry believes that the outcome of the lawsuit will have important implications for the future of smoking in America and its own profits. The tobacco firms fear that once it is officially accepted that passive smoking causes cancer and other diseases, the floodgates would be opened to smoking bans in public places and, eventually, to multi-billion-dollar lawsuits against them.

At the heart of the action stands a report published by the Environmental Protection Agency last January, which claimed to have found a statistically significant link between passive smoking and lung cancer, asthma, bronchitis and other lung diseases.

The tobacco lobby's central accusation is that the agency has presented selective evidence. It is generally accepted among scientists that a link between passive smoking and lung cancer probably exists, but it is also generally accepted that the link has not been proved statistically, at least not using the generally accepted statistical standards. The plaintiffs include America's two biggest tobacco manufacturers, Philip Morris and R. J. Reynolds.

Eccentric Emerson takes a leaf from the writings of an illustrious ancestor

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

*"Whoso would be a man must be a nonconformist" — **Ralph Waldo Emerson** in Self-Reliance (1841)*

More than a century after the death of the great American essayist, Ralph Waldo Emerson, his great-great-great grandnephew, a Vietnam war veteran and eccentric collector of scrap, is fighting a one-man battle against town officials in Pownal, Maine, in a spirit of which his ancestor would have been proud.

Kenneth Waldo Emerson, 54, is an American recluse of the old school — independent, opinionated and feisty as an old racoon. Living on a 17-acre plot in the woods of Maine, he collects bits of bicycles, wheelbarrows and the remains of ancient automobiles, and has as little as possible to do with the outside world.

But the outside world, in the shape of his immediate neighbours, has had enough of the mess and noise generated by the unconventional Mr Emerson, and last October he was taken to court by the Pownal town board and accused of operating an illegal junkyard. The judge fined him $2,500 (£1,700) and told him to remove his collection of scrap.

However, claiming inspiration from his famous forebear, Mr Emerson has refused to pay and despite being "flat-busted broke" has vowed to appeal against the court order. "I'm nothing but stubbornness," he told *People* magazine, "because of my heritage."

Because of that heritage, Mr Emerson has become, in the eyes of many, a symbol of the American spirit of self-reliance championed by Ralph Waldo Emerson. "If I don't fight, the Yankee art of trade and barter will be lost forever," he says. Some of the local residents of Pownal have rallied to his defence, and he has received letters of support from civil libertarians, historians and Emerson scholars.

"He doesn't owe anybody anything," maintains his lawyer, Stephen Murray. "He's never been on unemployment or worker's compensation. He's one of the finest gentlemen I ever met."

With his aquiline nose and penetrating eyes, Kenneth Waldo Emerson even has the looks of his ancestor, but their lives could hardly have been more different. The earlier Emerson came from a long line of ministers, graduated from Harvard at the age of 18 and travelled to England where he met Walter Savage Landor, Samuel Taylor Coleridge and William Wordsworth and established a life-long friendship with Thomas Carlyle. Friedrich Nietzsche once said that Emerson lived "instinctively on ambrosia, and leaves everything indigestible on his plate".

Kenneth Waldo Emerson, by contrast, is the son of a welder (Crawford Waldo Emerson) who was raised in poverty and has had little formal education. He fought in Vietnam in 1966 and his marriage ended in divorce in 1981. After that he lived in his van.

"I would rather sleep on the ground for the rest of my life than pay rent," he says.

The 19th-century Emerson forged an optimistic humanism, urging freedom of the individual, the removal of artificial restraints and greater mutual tolerance.

"The religions we call false were once true," he wrote in his essay *On Character*. Although he puts it less elegantly, his 20th-century descendant, who recently posed for a magazine photograph reading Emerson in the midst of his rusting collection of disembowelled cars, agrees.

"I will not take one single thing from this land because I do not own a junkyard," he says.

Perhaps he is buoyed up by another of his ancestor's non-conformist precepts. "If you would not be known to do anything, never do it," he wrote.

Ralph Waldo Emerson, the great essayist, would have been proud of his independent descendant

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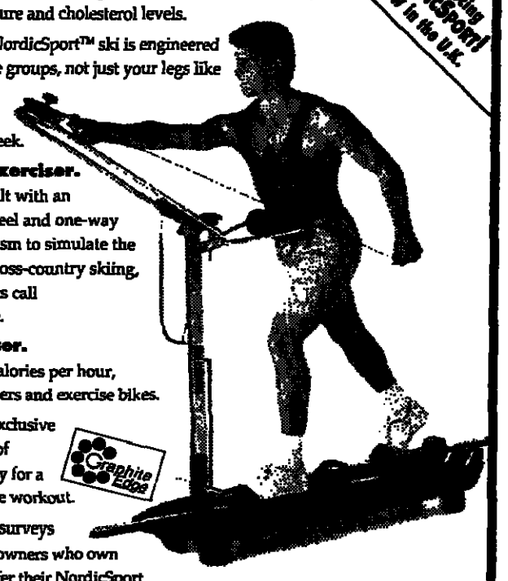

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Absolute hell in paradise

The Englishman's natural habitat is a well-littered city street in the rain

NATIONS rarely learn from history, so I suppose it is unreasonable to expect girls to. But, really, look at the case of young Belinda Vaughan, back this week from Rarotonga and beyond, and you do not have to be Lady Bracknell to feel that whereas one bum trip to the South Seas with an elderly beachcomber might be counted as a misfortune, two such trips look very like carelessness on the part of the collective female sex. Especially when it is the same beachcomber.

Ten years ago Gerald Kingsland, the former editor of *Mayfair* magazine, advertised for a female companion to attempt a primitive island sojourn with him. He got Lucy Irvine. Luckily for the rest of us, Ms Irvine turned out to be a natural writer, and Mr Kingsland a natural — well, a natural sort of chap, all things considered. She wrote *Castaway*, a bestseller which mercilessly detailed the shortcomings of her companion. It was filmed with Oliver Reed: another hit, another awful warning. Nobody sued anybody. Should Mr Kingsland, now 63, have intended to pose as a fatherly old soul with no interest in women a third of his age, his cover would be well and truly blown. To do him credit, he does not: what you suspect is what you get. Unless you run fast enough.

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But Ms Vaughan, despite having seen the film three times, answered his latest advertisement and went. She now talks of the "horrible experience", of being sexually pestered, plagued by mosquitoes, and eating roast dog. Mr Kingsland, unrepentant, observes from his roost in New Zealand that young Belinda was trouble anyway, and that he is sick of young girls and now wants one "with some experience under her belt" to help sail his home-made catamaran. Good luck to him.

But candidates would do well to remember, even if they opt for a different beachcomber, that paradise islands never suit Englishmen for long anyway. A holiday by a coral lagoon is wonderful, but mainly because of its very strangeness. It is time out of time. Convert it into everyday life and most expatriate Brits grow bored and cynical, hanging around saying "Another bloody day in paradise!" and pestering visitors for the month-old London newspaper lining their suitcase.

On *Desert Island Discs* most castaways plead for early release, or at least an ironing-board. On an Indian Ocean island a thousand miles from anywhere last year, I met a man who lived in a hut on a white beach and complained bitterly that he couldn't afford holidays in Britain, but had to go to Mauritius for "more bloody palm trees". Others talked of little but their longing for a box of Teatime Assorted.

Globetrotting yachtsmen stay sane for a while, thanks to the all-absorbing problem of keeping their boats from being eaten by exotic worms; but eventually even they tend to turn up alongside city quays, beaming at the big buildings and homely litter. I am quite tropic-friendly myself but none the less, on a long, tradewind crossing to the Caribbean I found myself creeping below deck in my off-watches to get away from the flying fish. I read John le Carré, drooling at the thought of rainy Berlin streets and grey filing-cabinets.

Overdosed on paradise, British exiles either become bitter, chronically drunk, or so obsessed with sex that they fail to notice that the blonde they are groping is gagging unflatteringly and making copious notes for a rude bestseller. The only really happy ones are those who have gone native, living on local gossip as if they were still in the emotional landscape of the suburban street, the corporate office, or the *Archers*. We are cosy crowded ants by nature. Robinson Crusoe came home on the first boat, remember.

Can the brat pack handle America's most acerbic literary wit? **Kate Muir** reports

'Were Dorothy Parker alive, she would mock this'

Legendary repartee: but will the Hollywood youngsters be able to match Dorothy Parker's style?

The Algonquin round table, the salon of literary New York in the 1920s and 1930s, is about to be theme-parked. A Hollywood film is being made, with wits like Dorothy Parker, Robert Benchley, James Thurber, Alexander Woollcott and Harold Ross played by members of the Californian brat pack. The Algonquin Hotel, now Japanese-owned, is planning a "Dorothy Parker Weekend Package" with free cabaret. There are Toyota-sponsored Algonquin literary lunches. Mrs Parker's photograph is to be made into badges and other tourist souvenirs. Without doubt, her favourite response would be appropriate: "What fresh hell is this?"

Mrs Parker and the round table is being filmed in Montreal this summer and will be released by Fine Line Features next year. Many already consider it to have the makings of a comedy classic as a cast of obscure, baby-faced young actors attempts to play the overweight and heavyweight round tablers. Better still, reports filtering out from the set indicate that the brat-packers are attempting to ad-lib some of their lines to emulate the speed and spontaneity of the repartee. It is not clear whether their limited literary education will bear the strain.

Pity Jennifer Jason Leigh, the actress doomed to play Mrs Parker, whose performance, however fine, will allow critics to resurrect the famous Parker review of Katharine Hepburn on stage: "She ran the whole gamut of emotions from A to B." Ms Leigh, who was recently in *Single White Female*, promotes her latest film by appearing in her vest and knickers in July's *Vanity Fair*. Mrs Parker may have said that brevity was the soul of lingerie, but she might not have considered this the most sophisticated method of publicising the film.

Although the actors are mostly a few years younger than the real Algonquin set, the casting director has failed to realise that habits like drinking Evian water and attending the gym make it hard for the modern actor to gain the wear and tear of years of bourbon and chain-smoking. Ugliness and baldness characterised the original round table look. It is difficult to imagine Campbell Scott, of *Dying Young*, as Mrs Parker's best friend, the humorist Robert Benchley. Or Jennifer Beals, of *Flashdance*, as his wife. Or Matthew Broderick, of *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, as Mrs Parker's lover, the writer Charles MacArthur.

Ms Leigh has made a valiant attempt to develop Mrs Parker's fondness for strong nicotine and hard liquor, but it is unlikely she will surpass some of the writer's hangovers, which were so remarkable they "ought to be in the Smithsonian under glass". The actress did move into the Algonquin for a few days to soak up the atmosphere, and interviewed various literary types in a cloud of smoke in the Rose Room, site of the original round table.

The original round table luncheons spawned Broadway collaborations, *Vanity Fair* articles and were the genesis of the *New Yorker* magazine. But Mrs Parker's stay was not all wit and dazzling parties — she made a suicide attempt at the hotel and supposedly underwent an illegal abortion when she lived there.

The hotel is less keen to emphasise the messy side. "Her days here were her most happy, gay and youthful," says Barbara McGurn, the Algonquin's public relations manager. "No, we don't know what room she stayed in — I think it varied — but perhaps we'll designate the one Jennifer Leigh stayed in when she was preparing for the part." The going rate for the Parker-suite-to-be is $175 (£119) a night.

Prices are not yet available for the August weekend special on what would have been Mrs Parker's hundredth birthday, but Ms McGurn assures tourists there will be a twenties-style cabaret, a one-woman Parker show, and a question and answer session with the latest biographer, Marion Meade.

Ms McGurn also hopes that the film's launch party will take place in the hotel. Her bosses in Tokyo, the Aoki Corporation, do not allow filming in the hotel because it "causes too much dislocation and disturbs the guests".

The Algonquin — which many feel lost its clubby atmosphere in the downstairs lobby when the American owners sold up — is anxious to regain its kudos. For the moment, those who consider themselves the 1990s round table, like *Vogue*'s Anna Wintour, the *New Yorker*'s Tina Brown and *Vanity Fair*'s Graydon E. Carter, have moved across 44th Street to the Royalton Hotel.

Not to be outdone, Ms McGurn is plotting revenge. "We're thinking of asking young authors to have a lunch for the centenary — recreating the modern equivalent of the round table." And who might those authors be? "Oh you know, Brett Easton Ellis, Tama Janowitz, Jay McInerney, maybe Donna Tartt. We still get a lot of writers here. Maya Angelou stayed last week and Oprah [Winfrey] visited her."

Whether such writers will want to be classified in such a way remains questionable. They may not relish wearing a badge saying "The Algonquin celebrates Dorothy Parker 1893-1993", and tossing witticisms beneath "The Dorothy Parker official flag".

Were Mrs Parker alive, she would probably poke fun at her present transformation into a best-selling brand, a literary logo. She always considered the round table to be greatly over-rated: "Full of people looking for a free lunch and asking 'Did you hear the funny thing I said yesterday?'."

Hollywood seems bent on making this film, despite much good advice to the contrary. After all, there is already a perfectly respectable documentary entitled *The Ten-year Lunch* and directed by Aviva Slesin.

Mrs Parker probably would have understood the inclination, for in 1935, she, too, heard the call of big bucks and went to Hollywood. She made money, drank, and developed a low opinion of the whole business. "Garbage though they turn out, Hollywood writers aren't writing down. This is their best."

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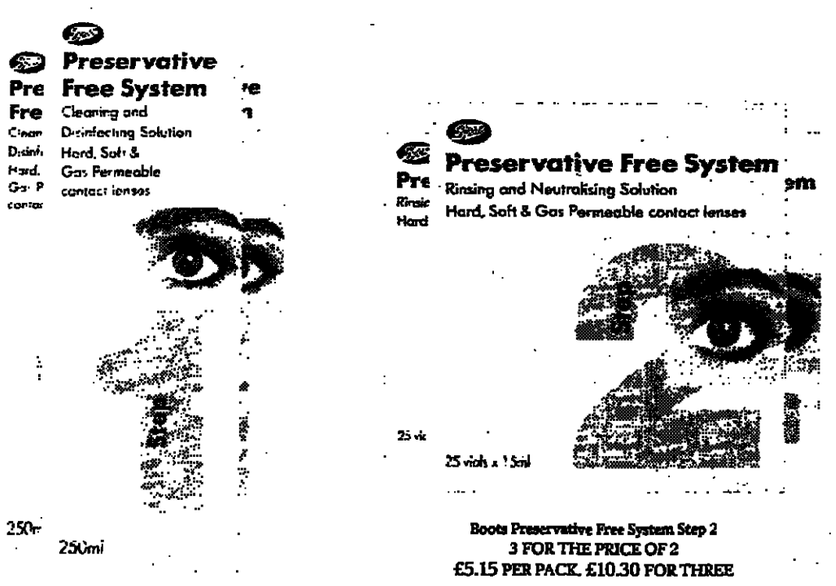

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A verbal shoot-out

The public has its say over sadism and violence on the screen

Discussions on controversial subjects involving 200 people usually produce more heat than light. Channel 4's *Right to Reply* special on film and television violence, *Making a Killing?*, to be shown on Saturday, manages to maintain a tone of lucid servility. Inevitably, the edited nuggets which are selected out of a wide-ranging talkathon give an incomplete picture of the event — an ambitious public meeting at Westminster's Queen Elizabeth II conference centre — and an even less complete view of the potential for debate.

But even with those limitations, the programme is certainly not, as it might well have been, a waste of time. It may be inconclusive but it is not infuriating. The vox pop element is diffuse but many comments from the floor are as illuminating as those from the experts. Indeed, one expert provides a moment of unintentional comedy: Dr Guy Cumberbatch, of Aston University, points out "the sad fact" that far more children do GCSE Latin than GCSE media studies. These hapless innocents are thus left undefended against the influences of media fashions. It seemed not to occur to Dr Cumberbatch that sound education might be the best immunisation against the brute forces of popular culture.

The usual irritations are there: a great many people make frustratingly attenuated contributions which never connect with one another. But the high calibre and obvious sanity of all of the disparate voices raise this above the level of an incoherent shout-up.

Even with the generous 90 minutes which Channel 4 has allotted to this effort, the surface of the issue is only skimmed. Part of the superficiality arises because the programme's terms of reference are impossibly broad: to try to deal with violence in Hollywood films, and on television (both terrestrial and satellite) and hire-shop videos and even news coverage, is to walk into a fairly hopeless morass of differing standards and intentions.

Rightly, spokesmen for British public service broadcasting protest that their output is very different from American commercial television. Equally rightly, the producers of news and current affairs argue that their responsibility to reveal the truth is of a different order from a dramatist's. Treating every facet of public unease about the depiction of violence as if it were all the same thing does not move the argument forward.

Perhaps surprisingly then, *Right to Reply* conveys a remarkably consistent picture of intelligent public alarm. For all the confounding of different problems — murders reported on the regional news are not in the same category as X-rated video misogyny feasts being handed out to 12-year-olds — a startling number of people manage to utter a lot of sense. What is most hopeful to me, having been a champion of stricter controls for many years, is how far we have come. It was not long ago that any suggestion of a check on gratuitous violence was condemned as a purblind suppression of intellectual freedom. Scarcely any professional apologist for the media seems prepared now to defend the unreconstructed permissive line. When parents, teachers and chief constables claim that there is no question that children are impressionable and manipulable, that they may be corrupted and made callous by vicious acts which they repeatedly see glamorised (but whose consequences, paradoxically, are trivialised) they are not howled down but applauded.

> A startling number of people manage to utter a lot of sense

David Puttnam represents just this consensus of born-again rationality when he condemns the "conscienceless" film whose violence is intended purely to exploit the suggestible. It is absurd, he argues, to condemn as censorship any attempts to protect children from such influences just as it would be absurd to condemn the shopkeeper who refuses to sell cigarettes to children as being an enemy of freedom. It is not "censorship" to shield children: it is common sense. And not just children.

Quite a few voices point out that adults, too, are corrupted by a coarsening exposure to what one researcher calls "happy violence": cool, cruel and effective. Not the violence of the news, whose agonising aftermath is also shown, but the marketable fantasies in which power is synonomous with brutality.

Less energy is being wasted now on the red herring about whether media violence causes actual violence. The idea that some infallible mechanistic link must be proved between screen sadism and its real-life counterpart before any limits to "creative freedom" may be entertained is a non sequitur which need hamper us no longer. Those who cannot see what debasement of human relations results from a mass culture saturated in violence are a shrinking minority.

A society steeped in images of murderous cruelty and sexual sadism like the ones which line the shelves of every high street video shop is, *ipso facto*, helping to make such things conceivable, and even encouraging the belief that they are commonplace. This is not a matter for proof: it is self-evident. As David Puttnam would say, it is common sense.

JANET DALEY

Sex and a common irritation, a breakthrough for rheumatoid arthritis, and new operating guidelines

Gut reactions

MANY doctors are too shy to discuss a patient's sex life. Those working in genito-urinary medicine or urology soon overcome their inhibitions but it is reported that some of their colleagues in gastro-intestinal clinics are still bedevilled by embarrassment.

It has been known for some time that patients with the ubiquitous "irritable bowel syndrome" have only half as many children as those whose bowels can be relied upon to behave in an orderly, quiet and painless fashion. Irritable bowel disease is associated in changes with bowel habits (diarrhoea or constipation), wind, bloating and abdominable pain. Careful research has already excluded possible hormone differences or other aspects of disease which might induce infertility, and the pharmacologists have cleared the drugs used to treat gut disorders of being responsible.

Doctor magazine quotes previously unpublished research by Dr John Mayberry, a consultant physician at the Leicester General Hospital, and his colleague Dr Gillian Moody, which has shown that the answer is simple: patients with unreliable bowels do not have so many children because they have sexual intercourse far less often.

Dr Maybury has studied 1,400 cases of ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease, and Dr Moody has talked to patients with irritable bowel syndrome. They both found that fear of faecal incontinence, an accident in the bed, is so devastating to their sex life that 50 per cent of women with irritable bowel syndrome abstain from sex: since the disease is five times as common in women than men, its effect on the birthrate is obvious.

Hospital outpatients see 80,000 new cases of irritable bowel syndrome each year, but although a full examination may establish the diagnosis, and exclude other, possibly life-threatening conditions, treatment is only palliative. Patients may be recommended to make changes in their lifestyle and diet and be prescribed anti-spasmodics, but nobody is able to give them an explanation of the nature of their disease.

Dr David Silk, a consultant at the Central Middlesex Hospital who has been studying irritable bowel syndrome for many years, says: "Irritable bowel syndrome is a disease with no known cause and no known cure. It brings discomfort, pain and even distress to millions. It may not be life threatening but it is life-long. Although it is a condition that gastroenterologists see more frequently than any other, it is perhaps the one they understand least."

Dr Silk and his colleague, Dr Gerzy Misiewicz, have launched an appeal on behalf of the Gastroenterology and Nutrition Research Trust to fund research into irritable bowel syndrome.

More accurate and continuous research has now become possible, as narrow tubes have been developed which can be placed in the gut from where they can record and transmit for 48 hours the changing pattern of the gut's activities, changes which occur when the patient eats, sleeps, works or even makes love. Doctors can then relate the alterations in intestinal motility to the patient's symptoms.

● *Details of the appeal from: Dept of Gastroenterology, Central Middlesex NHS Trust, Acton, NW10 7NS.*

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Joint initiative is encouraging

THERE are just under 500,000 patients in Britain who have, or have had, rheumatoid arthritis. Fortunately, in 75 per cent of cases, there is improvement within a year with conservative treatment only.

However, between 5 or 10 per cent of patients develop disabling joint disease. Whether the attack is short-lived, or persistent, the pain and stiffness is severe and needs treatment.

Research workers led by Professor David Blake, of the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council bone and joint research unit at the Royal London Hospital, has been investigating a new approach to the relief of joint pain and stiffness in the disease.

In rheumatoid arthritis, the pressure in the joint is increased, impeding the flow of the blood to the tissue adjacent to the cartilage. The cartilage has no blood supply of its own, and this therefore deprives the cartilage (which forms the articular surfaces in the joint) of adequate nutrients and oxygen. When the joint is exercised there is a further increase in the intra-articular pressure so that the blood supply which nourishes the cartilages may be cut off.

Professor Blake has treated a few patients at the Royal London with insitol triphosphate, a drug originally developed to treat high blood pressure and which was found to improve the blood supply to those tissues in which the blood vessels were controlled by the sympathetic nervous system.

The improvement in the patients treated at the Royal London has been dramatic within 12 hours, there was a 50 to 80 per cent reduction in pain and stiffness. However, Professor Blake warns against premature optimism: "This is only a small pilot study, but the initial results were so encouraging that we are going on to do a double blind trial. We all know that there have in the past been disappointments in the search for new treatment for rheumatoid arthritis."

Rich vein of anaesthetics

THE days of ether and chloroform being dripped into a face mask went out with the novels of A. J. Cronin and Francis Brett Young.

Today, many minor procedures in surgery, medicine and dentistry are carried out under intravenous sedation rather than a general anaesthetic, safe as they now are. The patient remains awake and co-operative; if they are no longer able to respond to a command, sedation is dangerously heavy, but they feel little discomfort and remember little of the event.

The introduction of intravenous benzodiazepines, diazepam and midazolam, enables people to undergo diagnostic investigations such as endoscopic examinations, minor surgery or many dental procedures without distress or inconvenience and very slight risk compared with a general anaesthetic.

Even intravenous sedation casually or unwisely given can endanger the efficient working of the heart and circulation or breathing, so this week the Royal College of Surgeons has issued guidelines of necessary skills doctors should have and the equipment and back-up which should be available in an emergency.

The Royal College has also made recommendations for the care of the patient after the sedation. They warn that after treatment patients should not drive or operate machinery for 24 hours and that they should always be escorted home. Patients' intellectual judgment may be faulty and they should not sign legally-binding agreements for 24 hours. Presumably, if their job involves making important decisions, they should take the day off. Patients are told to avoid alcoholic drinks for 24 hours, but otherwise, even after gastro-intestinal endoscopy, they can eat or drink normally. After gastro-intestinal endoscopy a sore throat is to be expected, but severe pain in chest, neck or abdomen should be reported immediately to a doctor.

How Tarzan could return

Swinging back into action may be best for Michael Heseltine after his heart attack, **Aileen Ballantyne** says

Few things, surely, can be less stressful than a romantic weekend in Venice's best hotel with your partner. Yet it was in such gloriously relaxing surroundings that Michael Heseltine had his heart attack on Monday.

It is something that may perplex him over the next few weeks as he struggles to understand the meaning of his doctors' advice to "avoid undue stress". In fact, cardiologists now realise that people can suffer heart attacks at any time. The worst thing victims can do, after an initial period of rest and recovery lasting a couple of months, is to "sit back and take it easy", and give up everything that they once enjoyed, however apparently stressful.

The latest research on heart attack avoidance, full details of which are shortly to be published in a leading medical journal, suggests that "avoiding undue stress", for someone like Mr Heseltine, need not mean giving up a high powered political career and doing the things the President of the Board of Trade does best: be it thrilling the party faithful at party conferences or facing the jeers of the Opposition in the House of Commons. But there is one important caveat to all this: he must, in spite of all the political difficulties now facing him and his party, continue to feel that he is in control.

Mr Bob Lewin, principal clinical psychologist at the Astley Ainslie Hospital in Edinburgh, who has just completed a three-year £80,000 British Heart Foundation (BHF) funded study with Dr Keith Fox, professor of cardiology at Edinburgh University, into angina — the chest pain that gives an early warning of heart disease — points out that many heart attack victims end up in a vicious circle of fear. "That fear leads to physical inactivity: a weaker heart muscle and a growing belief that returning to work means return to a death sentence," Mr Lewin says. "In fact, it's not the stress that kills you but your attitude to that stress."

Large numbers of research studies now show that it is long-term stress, over which you feel you have no control, that can rob your body of its natural defences against disease. The researchers advise that if you find you are turning to "crutches", such as more than two or three alcoholic drinks every day, cigarettes or endless cups of coffee to keep your body going it is a sign that, for you, the stress is bad. If, on the other hand, you are coping well without such props, and are happy working long hours in a high-powered job, you are probably thriving on the stress. You should resist the well-meaning advice of your partner to stop doing it, even if you have already had a heart attack.

For most people, power, authority and influence in their working life can actually protect them from heart disease. A study of civil servants in Whitehall, for example, by Professor Michael Marmont, the leading epidemiologist, has found that the higher the status, the less is your chance of having a heart attack. The fact that civil service permanent secretaries tend to smoke less than, for example, civil service messengers, was only part of the answer.

The new BHF pilot study of patients who had either suffered angina or a heart attack has shown that as a result of the Astley Ainslie programme of progressively difficult exercise and stress management techniques, 69 of the 70 patients reported fewer angina attacks. What is even more striking, according to Professor Fox, is that some have also now been removed from the waiting list for bypass surgery.

The amount of exercise Mr Heseltine managed to pack into his heavy travel schedule remains unknown, but he is a man who looks as if he takes good care of himself; he is also a non-smoker, drinks only moderately and has few known vices when it comes to food, apart from a recently disclosed passion for Italian ice cream and an admission to being a quarter of a stone heavier than he would like.

For someone like him, with few other obvious risk factors, the psychological approach he takes to recovering from his heart attack will be all important. Of the 170,000 people in the UK who have a heart attack every year, at least 20 per cent are still clinically anxious and depressed a year later — and remain so, Mr Lewin says.

Having a heart attack, he argues, is just as traumatic as being in a terrorist bomb attack. "Like being caught up in any life-threatening situation it makes you realise you are not going to go on living forever."

Heart disease is the commonest cause of death in the UK, but for some a heart attack can have a positive effect. It is clear when you talk to people who have successfully recovered from a heart attack to resume a high-powered job that it has helped them re-set their priorities in life, and begin concentrating on the things that give them most pleasure and satisfaction. This sense of release is borne out by research, which shows that one in five people who have had a heart attack conclude that in some ways it was the best thing that had happened to them. In short, it seems to remove the sense of being "driven" and having to say "yes" to everything. They start to take control of their life, instead of letting life take control of them.

SIMON TOWNSLEY

Easy rider: Heseltine needs to rest for a few months but then get back to his job, so long as he feels in control of stress

TAKE HEART

● THOSE on the British Heart Foundation pilot programme had already been given advice on heart disease avoidance: most importantly, give up smoking; eat a diet high in fresh fruit and vegetables and low in dairy and animal fats; and exercise, until you are moderately out of breath but still able to speak, for about 20 minutes, three times a week.

● IN ADDITION, the pilot study aimed to explain to patients that the heart is a muscle which will improve with exercise — not like a tank that will run out of petrol if you have "lived too hard or too fast" or "worn your heart out by working too hard." Their confidence in normal life was also restored by exercise which built up the strength of their heart muscle.

● DETAILS of a non-profit heart manual for patients on stress management and recovery from a heart attack, produced by the research team, which can only be purchased by a patient's hospital or GP, are available from the Astley Ainslie Hospital, Edinburgh.

Why are men so keen on their oats?

Dr James Le Fanu asks if sexual promiscuity is a natural appetite, a biological quirk or an addiction

Fascinating as Alan Clark's diaries are as a document of record of the late Thatcher years, it is a self-disclosure of his libertinage that has caught the public imagination.

Much, it seems, was left on the cutting-room floor and the index references under "Alan Clark: Romances" turn out to be nostalgic reminiscences of his premarital affairs ("I lay on the breakwater and thought of times past — the golden summer of 1955 when I was running Anne, Marya and Liz, all of them living within half a mile of each other"), but thanks to some frank disclosures by his wife Jane, he has been transformed into a latter-day Don Juan.

Mr Clark's typically robust defence of his philandering — "It is a natural biological factor in the male psyche to admire persons of the opposite sex" — cuts little ice with his psychoanalytic fraternity. In an unambiguously titled book *Why Men Hate Women* published today, analyst Adam Jukes specifically picks on Don Juanism to illustrate his theme. This boils down to a variation on the Oedipus complex — the multifarious women loved and left are substitutes for the mother guiltily desired but denied by the castrating father.

"Don Juan", Mr Jukes tells us, "has more than his fair share of infantile needs. Every time he conquers a woman he is recreating his mother, bringing her back to life after destroying her."

As so often with psychoanalysts, it is not exactly clear what Mr Jukes is getting at, but luckily there are not many people nowadays who can be bothered to take this sort of interpretation seriously. The archetypal character of Don Juan seeking an infinitude of possibilities through physical love is much too variable to be reduced simply and boringly to being a suitable case for psychoanalysis.

Molière's hero is driven by rational curiosity, Mozart's by a tempestuous romantic irrationality. To Baudelaire he is a sublime Satanist and Shaw an abstinent socialist. He crops up in more than 60 plays, poems and operas, and as the cultural historian Peter Conrad puts it: "In every period he is quick to establish himself as a contemporary by learning new tricks."

Hot: Don Juan on stage

How then best to understand late 20th-century Don Juanism as exemplified by Alan Clark, J.F. Kennedy or Georges Simenon?

In this era of unprecedented hedonism, it may simply be the means of satisfying a normal healthy appetite. In Kinsey's famous study of 5,000 males, the range of sexual outlet was enormous, with those at the top end averaging 30 sexual experiences a week continuously for 30 years. Kinsey dismissed the idea that hypersexuality might be a discrete entity as "it refers to nothing more than a position on a curve which is continuous".

One third of his sample had engaged in extramarital affairs, and significantly the same number again said they would do so given the opportunity. The human male, Kinsey concluded, "would be promiscuous throughout the whole of his life, if there were no social constraints".

There are distinct echoes here of the late 18th century, where libertinage was socially acceptable because, among other things, it was believed an active sex life was necessary to enjoy the bloom of health. For James Boswell there was "no higher felicity on earth than amorous affection with an amiable woman", and his sexual exploits put those of Mr Clark in the shade — three married women as mistresses, liaisons with four actresses, three lower-class mistresses as well as sex with over 60 different prostitutes.

Nonetheless, sexual promiscuity on this scale is clearly highly unusual, which raises a second possibility: that it is biologically driven by heightened arousal of the libidinal centre in the lower part of the frontal lobes of the brain. Dr Bruce Miller, a neurologist from the University of California, has reported several cases where a stroke or tumour in this region has led to hypersexuality, with patients uninhibitedly propositioning nurses and female visitors.

The third possibility, for which the film actor Michael Douglas is reputedly receiving treatment, is that sexual promiscuity is an addiction. Certainly as a highly pleasurable reinforcing activity, it bears comparison with other forms of addiction such as gambling and alcohol and shares a common terminology. The desire for sex is "uncontrollable", the means of consummating it a major preoccupation, and there may even be ambivalence and guilt in the aftermath.

Mr Clark's sexual drive is probably a mixture of the normal, the biologically driven and the addictive. Most men no doubt envy his good fortune — not least in having such a tolerant wife.

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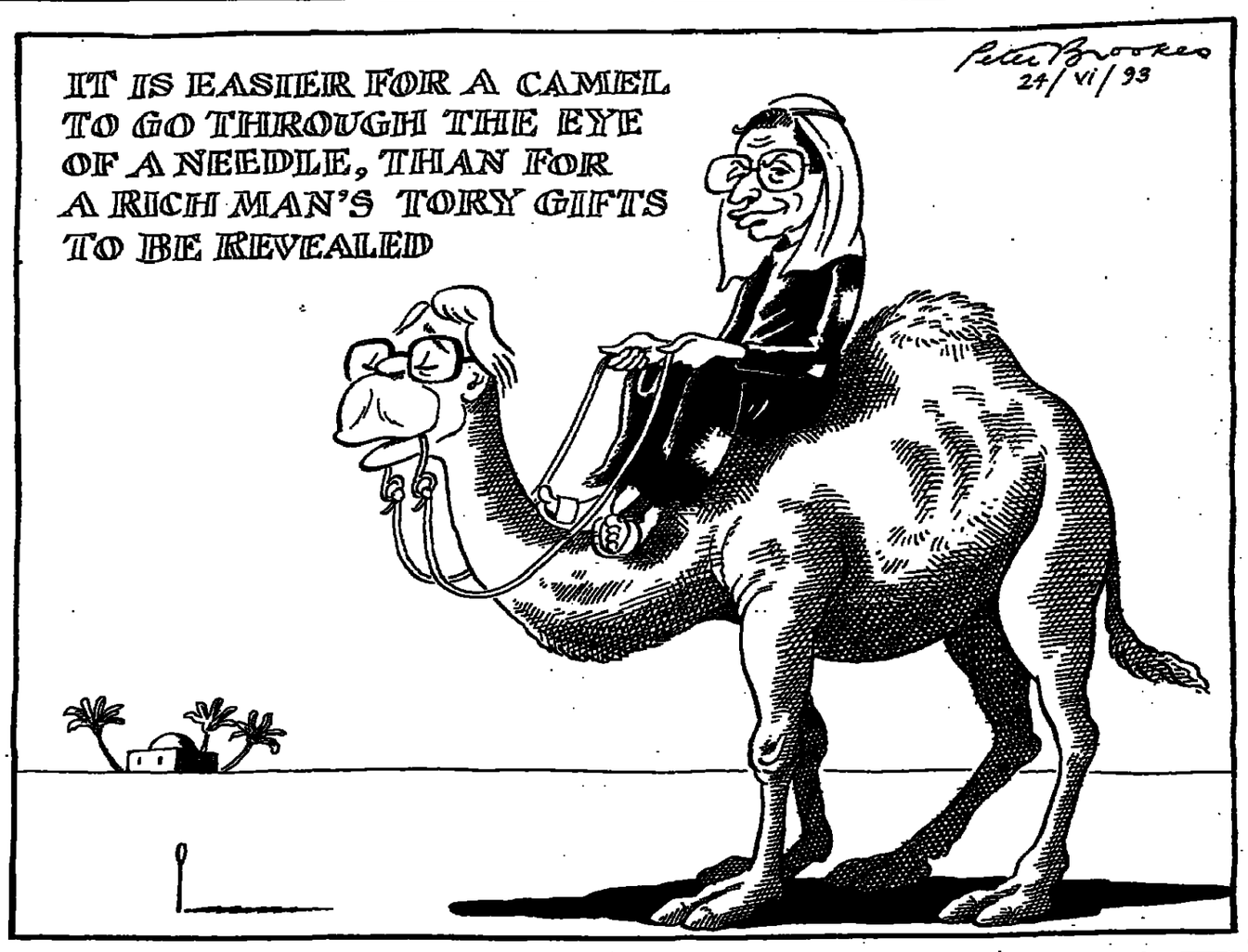
1. And forthwith a still small voice spake from out of the midst of the bushy *publicity pack blazing* with *giganto-hyper-statistics*, and said:
2. Lo, man whom We made in Our Own image is creating an *epic television series* of all the books of our Old Testament, from Aaron even unto Zophar, lasting for three days and three nights without *intermission*, and costing ten thousand times ten thousand shekels.
3. Verily, they have just finished *shooting the episode* telling the story of My servant Abraham at Ouarzazate, even Ouarzazate of the Atlas Mountains in Morocco, with as many extras and camels as the sands of the sea, one thousand pairs of goodly sandals cast by lot for each tribe, and half a thousand hairy wigs, raiment of camel's hair, and much besides, including the mighty man of righteousness Richard Harris as Abraham.
4. Fifteen years have they sojourned in the dry wilderness of *intensive research* and planning, and *director* has begotten *international, multi-media financial backers* who begat *executive producers, costume designers, special consultants* and a host of spear-carriers and sandal-allocators as long and tedious as the generation of David, down to *best boy* and *gaffer*.
5. We have to declare that their multitudinous *script-writers* have taken liberties in making the *scenario sexy*, with Sarah entering *menopause*, Abraham doing more circumcising than we remember commanding even in *Leviticus*, and Pharaoh acting as a just man: he never forces a woman to commit adultery, he simply kills her husband.
6. We shall not appear in the epic in person as the Word, in order to avoid controversy, but will be represented by husky inner voices heard by various characters.
7. But their cunning men of *promotion* have surely got the message: a good book of stories — the Old Testament, the prodigious subject of a *momentous, one-of-a-kind television project*.
8. Graven images are a sort of truth, and moving *celluloid* images are a sort of flickering truth *screened* at twenty-four to the second.
9. Cecil B. De Mille used to be My servant for these biblical epics, treating Me almost as his *co-producer*, and handling his major scripts from the Bible with the proprietary air of a gentleman fondling old love letters.
10. Cecil B. De Mille, Rather against his will, Was persuaded to leave Moses, Out of *The Wars of the Roses*.
11. And I have to say that I took a divinely childish delight in beholding Charlton Heston, Victor Mature, Richard Burton, and other bad boys wandering around in sandals, white robes, hairy chest-wigs and pious expressions that they never otherwise put on for the rest of their lives.
12. Billy Graham said that he learnt more about the life of Christ from *King of Kings* than from most of his Sunday school training: in it the Queen of Sheba sayeth in a subtitle: "Harness my zebras, gift of the Nubian king!" Really, no *kidding*.
13. In *Samson and Delilah*, several thousand *tons* of *high explosive* were set off for the destruction of the temple, none of it under the right people, and the later version of *King of Kings* was known in the trade as *I Was a Teenage Jesus*.
14. *Time magazine* spake in a parable of *The Ten Commandments*, when it said: "The result of all these stupendous efforts? Something roughly comparable to an eight-foot *chorus girl* — pretty well put together, but much too big and much too *flashy*."
15. *The Old Testament* will make *The Robe* look like a *Channel 4 documentary* on dress-making. *Demetrius and the Gladiators* look like *The Crystal Maze*, *Jaws* look like a *toothpaste commercial*, and *Jurassic Park* look like *Lassie Come Home*.
16. Lo, it will miss the majesty and beauty of the Word, from the Septuagint to William Tyndale and the *Authorised Version*, no longer read in most British schools, to their sorry loss, and from Bunyan to T.S. Eliot.
17. Nevertheless, such *absurd* and vulgar biblical *hokum* reaches the parts that other religious *popularisation* cannot reach. It may not do a lot of good, and it may set religion back two thousand years. But that is where religion is most at home.
18. It is the business of *film-makers* to shape the truth into *box-office contours*.



Revival of the not-nots

The Liberal Democrats are well placed to capitalise on the mainstream parties' loss of belief in their traditional principles

William Rees-Mogg

Historically, Somerset has not been the greatest of English counties in political affairs. We have King Arthur, Alfred the Great and Pitt the Elder among our heroes, and Cardinal Wolsey was a non-resident Bishop of Bath and Wells, but that is about it, apart from Monmouth's rebellion and Jeffrey's Bloody Assize. Now, however, some interesting things are happening which may have lessons for the rest of the country.

Somerset has become the leading Liberal county. Paddy Ashdown, the leader of the Liberal Democrats, sits for Yeovil; Chris Patten, the most impressive of John Major's cabinet contemporaries, is governor of Hong Kong because he was defeated at Bath by another Liberal Democrat. The Liberals control the Somerset County Council, having roundly defeated the Tories. The seven Conservative seats in the old county of Somerset now include six Conservative-Liberal marginals. Labour's support in the county is negligible.

Everyone who writes about politics, or takes part in it, has to have roots in public opinion somewhere. Somerset has now become a county as full of columnists as Pembroke College, Oxford, was of poets in the 1720s. We are a nest of singing birds. Within a few miles of where I live there is Christopher Booker, the chronicler of European regulations. A little further off are Paul Johnson, Auberon Waugh, Geoffrey Wheatcroft, Miles Kington and the television presenter Jonathan Dimbleby. Presumably all of us — and there are others — are influenced by Somerset opinion. There is a danger that what Somerset thinks today, Britain will read about tomorrow. This may be an advantage to the Liberal Democratic party; no columnist living in Somerset is going to miss the Liberal revival.

I have lived through four major Liberal revivals: under Joe Grimond in the early 1960s, under Jeremy Thorpe in the early 1970s, under Roy Jenkins, David Owen and David Steel in the days of the Alliance in the 1980s, and now under Paddy Ashdown in the 1990s. Because of my awareness of Somerset opinion, I tended to exaggerate expectations of each of the first three. Nevertheless each time the revival has carried the Liberal wave further up the beach. If the current revival passes the Alliance high-water mark at a general election it is going to be very threatening to the Conservatives. That is now possible.

The Liberal Democrats have advantages. Their position in the polls is steadily improving; they are now only one point behind the Tories. Their performance in the county council elections and the Newbury by-election was very strong. This has occurred early in this parliament; previous Liberal surges have generally come after about two years or more, as in the Torrington and Orpington by-election victories of 1958 and 1962.

The Liberals have the most charismatic of the three party leaders, and the one who is the most effective broadcaster. Paddy Ashdown is the happy warrior of the television battlefield. Above all the Liberal Democrats have the advantage of being the "not-not" party; they are not Conservatives and they are not Labour.

For a Liberal recovery to prosper, both the leading parties need to be in trouble at the same time. Obviously John Major's government is in trouble; but the Labour party is in considerable trouble as well. John Smith lacks the zest and aggression to make a strong leader for an Opposition. He is a sound Edinburgh lawyer and a skilled advocate, but as a Scottish lawyer he is not in the same class as the Lord Chancellor, and nobody has yet proposed that Lord Mackay ought to be leader of the Conservative party. In any case a very Scottish, very lawyerish, Scottish lawyer of amiable disposition and conservative attitudes is an eccentric choice as leader of the people's party.

Like the Conservatives, the Labour party is having trouble with those who fund it. After all Asil Nadir did not turn up at the Conservative party conference and cast 440,000 votes, one for each pound he had subscribed to party funds. Nor did any of those brave people who wanted to be chosen as Conservative candidate for Christchurch go into the selection process with a card saying that he or she was affiliated to Mr Nadir and therefore had the right to be supported by the Northern Cyprus members of the executive committee. John Smith is like a man swimming in shark-infested waters with a ball and chain round his ankle. The ball and chain is the trade union block-vote and all that it implies. If he cannot get rid of it, he will sink.

Even worse is the failure of the Labour party's ideology. The Labour party no longer believes in socialism — not even democratic socialism. It actually believes in something the Liberals have believed in since Lloyd George: social market capitalism, with a welfare emphasis. If both the Labour and Liberal Democratic parties are holding themselves out as Liberal parties, then the voters are likely to plump for the historic Liberal party rather than the pretend one, particularly if the pretend one is still dominated by the trade unions.

In Europe the socialists have been falling out of power, although they survived in Spain. The failure of socialism as a system for running countries, the way in which state ownership and control destroys public and private wealth, has been observed by the electors of Europe. There still are some unreconstructed socialists in the Labour party, so why should the voters take a socialist risk when what they seem to want is Lloyd George Liberalism?

The Conservatives are also putting themselves forward as something rather like the Liberals. They got rid of Margaret Thatcher because she was too obviously Conservative, too obviously opposed to European federalism, too aggressively competitive, too sympathetic to real capitalism, too tough. Perhaps the Conservative phase of the political cycle has passed — it will certainly come again — but the more modest and apologetic Conservatism which displaced Mrs Thatcher pays its own tribute to this Liberal appeal.

At the next election, the choice will probably be between three Liberal parties: Lib-Con, Lib-Lab and Lib-Dem. None of these three will have convincing answers to the economic questions — they did not at the last election and are unlikely to have found them by the next. The Conservatives will be suspected of wanting to reduce the non-means-tested universal welfare system, which indeed they ought to do. Labour will be suspected of intending to put up taxes, which if elected it will certainly do. The Liberals will be suspected of not having any particular intentions.

The Liberals will swell with by-election victories, council victories, probable European parliament victories, high and rising opinion polls, and the strongest leader — at least televisually. Their long occupation of the central ground towards which the other parties are moving, their freedom both from Asil Nadir and the TUC, and the public desire for a change which does not go back to socialism are strong cards for the next election. They already look formidable in Somerset. There is also a certain idealism. The Liberals are greener than anyone except the Greens, who are not a serious political party in Britain.

We shall also need to watch the Somerset Conservatives. The loss of Chris Patten was serious; if he ever returns to the House of Commons after 1997 it is unlikely to be for a Somerset seat. But all the Somerset members of Parliament have to beat the Liberals if they are to hold their seats; none of them has anything to fear from the Labour party. That gives them a different political perspective.

The Somerset Conservatives seem to be moving to the right, to a sharper definition of their Conservatism, rather than towards the Liberals. Of the county council they say briskly that the Liberals have made a mess of it before and will now do so again. Somerset Conservatives mostly share Christopher Booker's hatred of European regulation. They are often pro-Europe, but suspicious of Brussels and anti-Maastricht. They cannot understand how the government has let the deficit reach £50 billion a year, and want strict control on spending. They see too many travellers to sympathise with what they regard as the hippy aspect of Liberal idealism.

If one listens to Somerset one can hear the possibility of the biggest Liberal revival yet, spreading across the west and south of England, but matched by a movement to the right in the Conservative party. The Tories of Somerset are not reconciled to defeat, but if defeated they will fight very hard to regain what may have been lost, and they will fight as Conservatives, not as me-too Liberals.

Defy the Hurd instinct

Martin Ivens says foreign policy must not be pooled

Why not replace Her Majesty's Foreign and Commonwealth Office with a fax machine? Thatcherites demand unfairly. If Britain is forced by Germany to lift the arms embargo on Bosnia, then despairing diplomats may arrive at the same conclusion. The embargo, for good or ill, is our figleaf for an independent foreign policy. To abandon it now would make Britain's stand on Yugoslavia completely incoherent. More importantly, it would mean surrendering control of foreign policy to foreigners.

Yet at the European Community summit in Copenhagen, the prime minister began to sound the retreat. John Major defended the embargo but said that if Lord Owen's mediation efforts were to fail "we will have to look afresh at what can be done". Nothing has changed in the past year so as to demand that Britain's policy on arms be altered. If the arms embargo is unjust now, then it was unjust to impose it last year when the Bosnian Muslims stood a fighting chance. If the arms embargo is a sensible way to contain the war and bring it to a speedier conclusion, then to lift it now is cruel as well as inexpedient.

"The worst of all worlds would be half-measures in Bosnia which salved consciences without saving lives," argued the Foreign Secretary, Douglas Hurd, to cheers on both sides of the House of Commons only two months ago. Mr Hurd vehemently stated the government's "deep reservations" over calls to lift the arms embargo: "We should be in the business of trying to stop the war, not equipping the parties to fight it out."

To both the fervent supporter and the opponent of armed intervention in Bosnia, EC policy looks remarkably like refined torture. First it recognised Bosnia as an independent state without regard to its viability. Secondly, it refused to send arms or men to defend the orphaned country's existence. Then Brussels raised hopes of intervention in a variety of ways, encouraging the Muslims to fight until the European or US cavalry arrived.

European troops on humanitarian missions were always likely to be involved in fighting the Bosnian Serbs, so the Muslims could reasonably assume that these forces would act as a tripwire for massive intervention. President Clinton's fighting talk of air-strikes and airlifts further raised expectations. But American rhetoric proved to be empty. Above all, the EC endorsed the efforts of Lords Carrington and Owen to produce blueprints for a Bosnian settlement. How were the Bosnian Muslims to know the EC would not make its deals stick?

Admittedly, the Bosnian Muslim leadership has not been notably bright, but desperate men are apt to look for help from strange quarters. Even Brussels. It would have been a kindness to have told them to forget it.

Being at the sclerotic heart of Europe is leading to a coronary. Too often, it means that Britain puts up with policies with which it disagrees, while Germany does not. British politicians dislike being in a minority of one, for fear of being branded anti-European. Helmut Kohl, being a good European, has no such qualms.

The German chancellor was in a minority of one over the recognition of Croatia. The rest of Europe stepped into line. Over Bosnian recognition, the Europeans had already given up the ghost. Herr Kohl does not mind being in a minority of one over lifting the arms embargo, because the other 11 once again look as if they are about to follow their leader.

If Mr Major gives in to Germany, then we should resign all pretence that Britain runs an independent Balkan policy. We could then fax out one message: "Please refer all correspondence to Dr H. Kohl, Bundeskanzleramt, Adenauerallee 139-141, 5300 Bonn, Deutschland. Fax number ..."

Open house tips

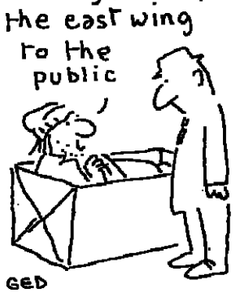
BUCKINGHAM PALACE has turned to the Duchess of Devonshire for tips on how best to open one's stately home to the public. The chatelaine of Chatsworth took a trip around the royal rooms at the Palace last week to see what lies in store for *hoi polloi* when they are admitted in August.

The duchess is, of course, accustomed to the splendour of her 175-room Derbyshire mansion, which has been opened to the public for many years. Nevertheless, the state rooms of Buckingham Palace which she saw on the tour left her flabbergasted. "What people are going to see is fantastic," she says.

"I saw the Palace as I never had before. It is as grand and golden and crimson as you could imagine. The throne room I had never seen before in my life. And the fact that you are welcomed as a private guest through the main doors rather than some seedy side entrance makes it all the better."

But such wonders have their price. "Their difficulty will be the crowds, because I think there will be huge numbers, perhaps more than they think," she says. "Of course at Chatsworth there isn't this problem because we just put them in the garden."

The duchess will give advice formally next month when the Royal Collection Trust, of which she is a trustee, meets to discuss, among other things, the opening of the Palace. But one problem the duchess has encountered at Chatsworth is unlikely to trouble Her Majesty. "Only a few days ago when I was walking my dogs, a member of the public came and told me that no dogs were allowed," she said. Sensibly, the Queen will be walking her dogs at Balmoral.



DIARY

In triplicate

BRITAIN is living beyond its means, we have been told by the outgoing governor of the Bank of England, Robin Leigh-Pemberton. But in his last few days in the post that he has occupied for nearly a decade, parsimony does not seem to have been the overriding concern.

No fewer than three leaving parties have been organised at the Bank for Leigh-Pemberton, who owns a very large estate in Kent. On Tuesday night 150 staff were entertained with wine and canapés; there is another party for more than a hundred politicians and City folk.

Theparty-goers may protest these were not extravagant affairs — "It was wine and cheese rather than dinner," says one of the guests — but the governor has covered all the options, with a lavish leaving dinner for directors.

● *Wimbledon would be unthinkable without strawberries and cream, even at £1.70. But if you baulk at paying that, the Royal Opera House is introducing bowls of strawberries and cream at £4 a time from Monday. "Well there are 12 in the bowl," a spokeswoman insists.*

To be frank...

RURAL sub-post offices are fighting the threat of closure, but another cherished Royal Mail tradition has already ended. For the first time in living memory, no commemorative Wimbledon stamp for collectors is on sale at the championships.

The rural offices are, of course, being squeezed by payment of pensions directly into bank accounts, but Steve Chapman, who mans the organisation's counter at the All England Lawn Tennis Club, points out stamp sales would raise money: "It does seem stupid, especially with this year being the 100th anniversary of the women's championship. We are turning people away every five minutes. We could have made a fortune." Which could have gone towards saving a couple of rural post offices.

Stark choice

AS MATRIARCH of one of our famous Roman Catholic families, Elizabeth Longford might be expected to be an avowed opponent of divorce. Quite the contrary. Lady Longford, a redoubtable royal biographer, admits that she has changed her mind on the subject in an interview with Naim Attallah in *The Oldie*.

"I now think in my heart of hearts that divorce really is the true state of affairs — that there has been a marriage, that there no longer is, and therefore it's ended."

And Lady Longford, who has been married for more than 60 years and converted to Roman Catholicism in 1946, seven years after her husband, doesn't stop there. "I believe that divorce is the way of the future. But I know that isn't the teaching of the Catholic church and I wouldn't dream of teaching it to anyone else."

Furthermore, Lady Longford says divorcees should be able to remarry in church. She seems to hold especially strong views on one marriage in particular: that of the Duke and Duchess of York. "My personal view is that Koo Stark would have made a better duchess," she says.

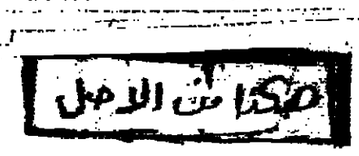
● *Michael Mates jokes are already circulating at Westminster. After Tom Sackville, the junior health minister, made a speech yesterday on teenage sex, one of his ministerial colleagues suggested a headline for the story: "Sackville backs Mates."*

Pushing for Pushkin

We have a suitably bookish new heritage minister in Ian Sproat. Between working on his red boxes, he is ploughing through hundreds of pages of Pushkin (*left*). Sproat has assembled an international panel of academics — patron, Raisa Gorbachev (*right*) — to translate into English every word the Russian wrote.

It is a huge task, but Sproat, whose passion for Pushkin is not thwarted by his inability to speak Russian, is determined to have the complete works published by 1999, Pushkin's 200th anniversary.

Professor Leonoid Aronshtein, of the Pushkin Institute in St Petersburg, is coordinating the work in Russia. In Britain it is being spearheaded by academics such as John Bayley at Oxford. The main task is Pushkin's 767 lyrics. "We have translated 85 per cent of all his works," says the minister, whose personal library boasts 10,000 books. "But translating the poetry is much more difficult than the novels. As Sir Isaiah Berlin told me: 'So much of it slips into the floorboards.'"



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POINT OF THE SCALPEL

Health in London requires a sharp switch of resources

The six reviews of London's health care published yesterday bring the much-needed reforms recommended last year by Sir Bernard Tomlinson a step closer. Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, stressed that the reviews were independent advice, rather than firm government policy. That intervention was perhaps judicious, given the sensitivity of many of the new findings. But if the door is to be left ajar to some of the nation's fiercest lobbyists, it is more important than ever that Mrs Bottomley should prepare herself to justify and explain the rationalisation programme.

In the spirit of the Tomlinson report, the "specialty reviews", which have been compiled by panels mainly composed of doctors, recommend a series of cuts and closures to reduce specialist services in the fields of cancer, plastic surgery and burns, cardiac and renal treatment, children's diseases and neurosciences. Because of its history as an international centre for medical teaching, London has too many specialist services and not enough primary care. Waiting lists for routine hospital treatments are long, while specialist beds are frequently underused. London has no fewer than 14 centres providing cardiac services and 13 which offer cancer treatment. Yet it also has twice the national average of single-handed general practitioners and is losing an increasing number of demoralised GPs. This imbalance needs to be redressed.

Yesterday's reviews therefore propose the closure of nine hospitals and a series of relocations and mergers. In spite of months of lobbying, St Bartholomew's is now likely to have almost all of its departments shut down or relocated. The world famous cardiac unit at Harefield Hospital in Middlesex may eventually be moved to Northwick Park Hospital in Harrow.

While upheaval is regrettable, there is no reason to think that the expertise developed at Harefield should not survive a change of location. Centres of excellence are not built on particular sites but the skills of individuals and teams. Indeed, the proposed transfer of the Royal Free's renal transplantation unit to the Middlesex Hospital will be an important boost to the latter institution's researches. Mergers need not be hostile to high standards in health care.

Some pain, however, will certainly be caused by these changes. It will only be justified if London's primary care improves in equal measure, as proposed by the Tomlinson report. Health authorities elsewhere are plucking GPs from practices in the capital with alarming ease. Surgeries in the city are frequently in appalling condition and essential support staff in short supply. London may be internationally renowned as a medical teaching centre, but it is also a magnet for the homeless and mentally ill, who often need urgent primary treatment. The final act of the Tomlinson saga must target spending on GPs and nursing services and encourage day surgery.

But Londoners have yet to be convinced that Mrs Bottomley means to use the savings from hospital closures to improve their GP services. In February, she announced that the Treasury had granted an extra £30 million towards the £170 million programme to reform health care in the capital. A number of schemes have already been launched, including 78 capital improvement projects for GPs and day health centre premises.

Yet it remains unclear where the rest of the money is supposed to come from, how much difference it will make, how Mrs Bottomley proposes to supervise its use and what connection, if any, it has with the hospital mergers and closures. The last is a serious omission which does much to explain why the Tomlinson report has been such an easy target. If the government cannot make sense of its own cuts, the public can hardly be expected to do so.

NIGERIAN FOLLIES

The election has been annulled on a trumped-up excuse

Nigeria is a potentially prosperous colossus of a country with an always fragile sense of nationhood, a miserable record in the arts of government and a still more unenviable reputation for mismanaging its wealth. It is more fragile still today. According to the military council headed by President Babangida, the aim of yesterday's decree annulling the June 12 presidential election was "to protect our legal system from being ridiculed and politicised". This qualifies as the most original, if not the most cynical, excuse for cheating voters of their rights.

For the past six years Nigeria, run by the military for more than a third of its post-independence history, has supposedly been in the process of a return, thrice delayed since 1991, to democratic civilian rule. President Babangida not only wrote the electoral rules, but created the only two political parties permitted to compete. The presidential election on June 12 was almost universally considered to be free, fair and remarkably devoid of the misplaced commercial zeal Nigerians tend to apply to getting in the vote. President Babangida, who seized power in 1985, insisted that he was impatient to hand over to the victor.

Yet last Wednesday, when Chief Moshood Abiola, a rich southern Muslim who seems to have reassuringly nationwide support, seemed headed for a clear victory over his northern rival, the government leaned on the national electoral commission (NEC) to stop announcing the results in "deference" to an injunction by one of Nigeria's state courts. This conveniently ignored three other state court injunctions ordering the NEC to proceed and the government's own decree that courts would not be empowered to halt the electoral process. Yesterday, just as the federal court was about to hear the NEC appeal, the government annulled the election, suspended the NEC, repealed all decrees governing the transition to democracy — and stopped all court proceedings.

Writs have certainly been flying before and after the vote, notably from a small, shadowy group called the Association for a Better Nigeria which happens to want General Babangida to stay in power at least until 1997. The losing candidate, Bashir Tofa — whose earlier enthusiasm for prolonging President Babangida's rule may have cost him votes — predictably demanded fresh elections. But much of this is vexatious litigation which the courts were expected to dismiss. To close down proceedings was an odd way to "rescue" Nigeria's judiciary from disrepute. To abort the election is folly.

Nigeria has been plunged into an unnecessary crisis which it cannot afford. The transition has already gone on too long. Previous civilian governments may have been hopelessly venal, but General Babangida's rule since 1985 has been no unmixed blessing. His economic reforms have faltered mainly because he has not curbed corruption. Official debt has soared, along with private hardship: real wages have fallen by 75 per cent. Services have crumbled.

Chief Abiola's promises of clean government and sound money have been vague; but as a Muslim from a largely Christian region, he is well placed to forge the north-south coalition needed to win national support for hard decisions. Douglas Hurd said yesterday that Britain will be forced to reassess its relations with Nigeria; others will follow suit. If only to cushion the pain of economic reforms, Nigeria has great need of friends. The Nigerian writer Wole Soyinka has urged General Babangida to disregard the power-hungry cabals around him, warning that Nigeria is a country "wrapped in an ominous stillness". General Babangida should listen, and alter course.

FOOD FOR THE SPIRIT

New reforms for public libraries should stay on the shelf

Reading is, by its nature, a solitary activity. In that lies its strength and its weakness. It does not lend itself to the organised axe-grinding of lobbyists or political manipulators: it simply restores the soul. Thus libraries, because they are dedicated to an individual rather than a collective recreation, are peculiarly vulnerable to philistine attack. Just how vulnerable becomes clear in a report on the future of the public library service published yesterday by *Comedia*, an organisation describing itself as an independent strategic research consultancy, as well as a friend of the libraries.

Because a book is the most compact and personal passport to an interior life of depth and richness, the public library, which gives the world of books free for the asking to everyone, should be a sacred place. But the the life of quiet contemplation libraries have long stood for seems to be under threat, even from self-styled friends.

According to this research study, painfully titled *Borrowed Time?*, that image of silent and private rumination — of comfortingly disorganised peace and deliverance from the mundane pressures of modern life — is precisely what is threatening the future of the library service. If the libraries are to survive, *Comedia* warns, they must cease to be mere collections of books.

They must transform themselves instead into "significant centres of information policy and cultural renewal". They must offer, not just access to the literary heritage and a priceless means of self-education, as they traditionally have, but "on-line business services, economic development initiatives and local history projects". They should be information technology resources, centres for social awareness, and an extension of the social services under community care.

One researcher is quoted as saying that the public library "suffered from an outdated and blurred image": that its modern incarnation should be as a "focus for educational and social activities and an important means of access to new technology". To implement this nightmare would apparently require a coherent national policy providing an information network on a national grid to be linked at local, regional and national level.

The report itself points out that local libraries, in their present lovably blurred and un-gridlike state, are immensely popular. They may be dusty in appearance, but about a third of the population use them regularly and up to a half use them occasionally. So in whose interests do they need to reconstruct themselves? Not, it seems, those of their users.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Euro assessment of our universities

From Professor J. P. Connerade and Professor Harold Baum

Sir, The government makes an issue of national standards in education and league tables for schools. It is also committed to the assessment of quality in higher education (HE) within the UK, the outcome of which will affect future funding. This policy is consistent with its views on market forces.

Whilst those views require that British companies must be exposed to full competition from overseas, the same principle, oddly enough, does not apply in the sphere of HE. European quality control of HE is under discussion among European Community members.

Arising from an EC working party on quality assessment in HE, and under particular pressure from the Dutch, proposals have come forward for a pilot assessment exercise including all member states. We understand that the Danish presidency of the EC wishes to take the project forward. The proposal is a modest one and would certainly not produce tables of rankings.

Nevertheless, the Department for Education seems most reluctant to co-operate in this European initiative. Of course, whatever the form of reporting, the outcome is bound to be read in a competitive fashion, as your Education article (June 21) suggests in the case of assessments of university teaching. In this area, it seems, open assessment is regarded as a good thing within the UK but not in the international arena.

As British members of the European Association of Deans of Science we do not believe that our universities would fare badly in a full and informed comparison across Europe.

The only construction we can put on this bizarre inconsistency of policy is that the government fears the predictable effects of under-funded, enforced expansion of HE.

Certainly, continued pressure for shorter degree courses, whilst widening the ability range at entry, would not augur well for our comparative quality as judged in some future Europe-wide assessment.

Yours faithfully,
J. P. CONNERADE,
HAROLD BAUM,
European Association of Deans of Science,
As from: University of London, Senate House, Malet Street, WC1.
June 22.

Education quality

From Professor Peter J. Sloane

Sir, John O'Leary's Education article on teaching-quality assessment reports a suspicion that students in the new universities enjoy better teaching than those in the old. He points out that in the recent Scottish exercise in economics and electrical engineering Dundee Institute of Technology (DIT) received an excellent teaching rating, while Edinburgh and Glasgow did not; but Aberdeen, St Andrews and Stirling were also rated excellent. Indeed, out of the two disciplines combined, six departments (43 per cent) were rated as excellent in the old universities compared with one (12.5 per cent) in the others.

The excellent teaching departments were also found to be strong research departments in the recent research assessment exercise — with the exception of DIT. However, that was one of the few outside the old university sector to submit most of its staff as active in research. This suggests that the teaching-only university is a contradiction in terms: teaching and research are joint products.

Yours sincerely,
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June 22.

Leading languages

From Mr B. S. Adams

Sir, Mr P. J. Woodman (letter, June 19) touches on a fascinating prospect. The languages of central Asia, from Turkey to north-west China, have much in common in their Turkic base, and for day-to-day survival a sound knowledge of any of them would be useful in the territories of the others.

However, the Turkic languages of the Commonwealth of Independent States are now so heavily russified as to cause a speaker of the Turkish of Turkey considerable problems. The growing numbers of central Asian youth nowadays sent to Turkey for education have to spend an initial few months learning Turkish. The Stalinist policy of contriving (for political purposes) a subtle differentiation between Turkmen, Kazakh, Uzbek and Kyrgyz, while stimulating nationalist rivalry, has greatly complicated the situation outlined by Mr Woodman.

The adoption of the Latin script by the central Asian republics will be widely welcomed, and students of the region will wait with interest to see how they go about it. No doubt the system(s) of orthography chosen will owe much to Turkish, as the area views Turkey as a role model in many ways already. Romanisation could bring a purge of Russian vocabulary, replacing such elements with words of Turkic stock. A moderate move in this direction might well receive encouragement from Turkey. Rising nationalism, however, will probably preclude any possibility of the re-emergence of a single language.

The study of these languages is hardly provided for in Britain. Even at the School of Oriental & African Studies at London University they are scarcely taught, partly because of the expense involved for what must be a minority interest, and partly because central Asian studies there are geared rather to postgraduate politics and sociology than to traditional cultural concerns; no first degree course exists.

The status of the Turkic languages in their national republics is, furthermore, definitely inferior to that of Celtic languages in Britain. Their speakers are in the main the lower echelons of society, while the Russian influence of the past century and a half has done nothing for indigenous culture.

For the time being, worthy of serious study as the Turkic languages are and despite the efforts made to promote them at home, Russian will remain far more accessible and useful for serious purposes in central Asia.

Yours faithfully,
B. S. ADAMS,
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June 19.

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Appeal to preserve Oxleas Wood

From Dr D. A. Goode and others

Sir, At the launch of English Nature's "Strategy for the 1990s" (report, early editions, June 8), the environment minister Tim Yeo emphasised the government's commitment to producing a national action plan on bio-diversity.

On the same occasion the chairman of English Nature, Lord Cranbrook, emphasised the importance of sites of special scientific interest:

Once lost, most SSSIs can never be replaced. They are a key part of the natural inheritance we pass on to succeeding generations and as such must be rigorously safeguarded.

We welcome these statements, yet we are all too well aware that areas designated as SSSIs are currently being destroyed, as at Twyford Down, Hampshire, and that Oxleas Wood in south-east London is under threat of destruction.

The government must be conscious of the heightened degree of public awareness regarding environmental matters since the Earth Summit at Rio and the deep concern felt by many people about the destruction of SSSIs.

Oxleas is of value not only in the scientific sense as a fragment of ancient woodland with all that that means in terms of bio-diversity: it is also a much loved place surrounded by thousands of people in Greenwich and Bexley, many of whom enjoy its peace and tranquillity. For the people of that part of London it is the equivalent of Hampstead Heath or Richmond Park as the one place where they can find contact with the natural world. For these reasons we believe that current plans are wrong.

In view of the overwhelming opposition to the current proposal, together with the fact that the British Road Federation has recognised the desire to protect Oxleas Wood (report, later editions, May 21), we believe the time has come for a fundamental re-appraisal of the issues involved.

Yours faithfully,
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(Director, London Ecology Unit),
DAVID ATTENBOROUGH,
JOHN AUSTIN-WALKER
(MP for Woolwich (Labour)),
DAVID BELLAMY
(The Conservation Foundation),
ANTHONY BRADSHAW
(President, Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management),
FARNHAM (President, The Tree Council),
NICOL,
TIM CORDY (Chief Executive, The Wildlife Trusts Partnership),
WILLIAM WILKINSON
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June 21.

Aids cases reduction

From Dr S. S. Bakhshi

Sir, I would not wish to detract from Baroness Cumberlege's claim (report, earlier editions, June 15) that the much lower spread of Aids in the UK than in other EC countries is due to prompt government policies but the claim needs examination. Even the experts agree that the predictions made for the spread of Aids were highly inflated, based on nothing more than experience in the USA. That those predictions have not turned out to be true is not a reflection of the success of the policies.

Western European countries with much higher rates also have far more people who inject drugs than the UK. Drug injection rates of 77, 240 and 156 per million population in France, Spain and Italy, respectively, far exceed those in this country at 4.6 per million. Besides, these countries have a significant transitory and seasonal migration of, mostly single, people from countries that are at risk.

These factors, in conjunction with the settled immigrant community, a free National Health Service and religious tolerance to contraception, contribute to the lower incidence in the UK. The government needs to emphasise these positive factors rather than persist in its degrading and probably ineffective "we are all at risk" strategy of publicity and policy.

Yours truly,
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Birmingham 9.

Swift justice

From Mr M. J. McFetrich

Sir, Your article, "Trouble at the tribunal" (Law, June 22), made some good points on industrial tribunals but did give the impression that all cases take about a year to come to a full hearing. That may be so in Croydon or London, but it is definitely not the norm elsewhere in the country.

To give an extreme illustration, a case due to be heard in Newcastle this week involves an applicant whose employment ended on March 5, 1993. To that extent your article was parochial and misleading — if I dare say so to a London-based newspaper.

Yours faithfully,
M. J. McFETRICH,
33 Grey Street, Newcastle upon Tyne.
June 22.

Out of sight . . .

From Mr Walter Steiner

Sir, The criticism of the European Commission London office (report, June 15; letters, June 21) is unfounded. I think they are doing a splendid job — I had never heard of them.

Obviously they realise that a heightened profile or detailed justfications will only result in Europhiles becoming sceptics and Eurosceptics becoming anti-Europeans. That is evident to anyone who has actually tried to read the Treaty of Maastricht.

Yours faithfully,
WALTER STEINER,
Longlands, Quarry Heads Lane,
Durham.
June 21.

Protection by baton

From the Assistant Chief Constable of Avon and Somerset

Sir, Dr Waddington's article, "Should bobbies wield the big stick?" (June 16), highlighted the dilemma of improving the ability of police officers to protect themselves (report, June 17) while preserving the traditional and cherished image of the unarmed British bobby.

More than 200 Avon and Somerset officers are currently pioneering trials of the ASP telescopic baton. The 7in long baton can be carried in a pouch on an officer's belt or in a pocket and extends at a flick to 21in.

The baton is entirely unobtrusive, unlike the side-handled baton, and is equally suitable for male and female officers, whether operating in uniform or plain clothes.

It was selected from a wide range of alternatives and we believe that it protects both officer and image.

Yours sincerely,
HUGO PIKE,
Assistant Chief Constable,
Avon and Somerset Constabulary,
PO Box 37, Valley Road,
Portishead, Bristol, Avon.

From Mr Andrew Wareham

Sir, I was until December 1992 a reserve sergeant of the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary, carrying as part of my equipment a spray can of tear gas. From painful experience I can assure Dr Waddington that tear gas sprays are much more likely to enrage attackers than disable them. The sprays were dangerous to asthmatics and irritating to the healthy, including other police officers in a tussle, and were eventually withdrawn by the police authorities.

Having also, reluctantly, carried a pistol on duty, I would strongly support Dr Waddington's call for a fully trained, unarmed police force. Professional training will be of much greater value to our police than any range of weaponry.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW WAREHAM,
50 Headingley Road,
Rushden, Northamptonshire.

Cancer and personality

From Dr John E. Callagan

Sir, Without becoming embroiled in the controversy as to whether there is or is not a personality style prone to develop cancer (Body and Mind, "Is cancer all in the mind?", June 22), it seems important to point out that in the study quoted 554 out of the 901 members of the prone personality cancer group did not develop the disease.

Taking into consideration a reasonable time span within which cancer could still develop, a study should be carried out to ascertain if significant psychological factors differentiate this group from those persons developing cancer. The knowledge obtained may be of considerable value.

Yours sincerely,
J. E. CALLAGAN,
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June 23.

Kent home for a London hospital?

From Professor Emeritus Philip Rhodes

Sir, When I was dean of St Thomas' Hospital Medical School (1968-74), I urged that the hospital should gradually move out of London to Canterbury. Kent does not have a teaching hospital.

Several consultants of the Kent and Canterbury Hospital welcomed the idea. So did representatives of the South-east Regional Hospital Board and the vice-chancellor of the University of Kent at Canterbury. There seemed also to be historical merit in moving the hospital to the other end of the Pilgrims' Way to be near the site of St Thomas à Becket's martyrdom.

I believe the suggestion foundered on the vested interests of governors and consultants in private practice, who wished to remain in London. The University of London was not enamoured of it either.

Is there not time to resurrect the idea, save an ancient tradition and the expertise of a great hospital, perhaps help to improve health services in Kent, and maintain excellent teaching for medical students and postgraduates outside the medically overcrowded metropolis?

Yours sincerely,
PHILIP RHODES,
1 Wakerley Court, Wakerley,
Oakham, Leicestershire.
June 19.

Seeking guidance

From the Reverend Douglas Emmott

Sir, What happened to the honourable profession of "the company representative"? Wishing to replace our computer system (and make a considerable investment), I responded to advertisements placed in *The Times* by a well known company. Hoping to receive professional advice and a system tuned to our needs, I was instead sent a package of information with details of a firm miles away, on an industrial estate almost impossible to reach by public transport.

There was no response from this firm. I had to make the first move and was told simply to "come and see what we have". There was no offer of any other support, advice, guidance or of determining our requirements.

It is almost impossible for me as a non-driver to get to these outlying estates. Are we in danger of becoming a nation of mail-order shoppers?

Yours sincerely,
DOUGLAS EMMOTT,
St Chad's Vicarage,
Campleshon Road, York.

Pulpit policies

From Mr Robert Cowan

Sir, Like many others I am unhappy with the government's handling of pit closures. However, I do not relish comment from the leader of my Church, who has misused his position to preach on matters outside his competence (report, June 21). If the leader of a political party saw fit to attack the Church of England I could respond at the ballot box. How can the man in the pew protest at the Archbishop?

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT COWAN,
Rake House,
Burton-in-Wirral, Cheshire.

Sporting chance

From Mr Joe Benjamin

Sir, Sixty years ago, when I was a 13-year-old, I was in a convent hospital where the nursing order of nuns had formed, as far as I know, the first bedridden Scout pack. Further, they not only encouraged but also participated in various sporting activities.

Cricket, in the scheme of things, held its place, and on a summer's day we would be wheeled out in our basket beds, take our place at the wicket, square our bats, eye the bowler at the other end, give a quick glance at the "umpire" and, if the opportunity occurred and we felt we had a sporting chance, would put bat to ball and shout: "Run." Thereupon, the nuns at each end would hoist their habits, and run as if the Devil himself was after them. So much for runners being allowed only when batsmen become hurt during a match (report, June 16; letters, June 19, 22).

No village green ever saw such exciting and exhilarating cricket. And, being a religious order, we played strictly according to the rules.

Yours faithfully,
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June 22.

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Treasures upon earth

From Canon Basil Tuffield

Sir, How would the punter (John Goodbody's report on odds against a British win at Wimbledon, June 21) who won his 1,000-1 bet with William Hill on the second coming of Christ spend his winnings?

Yours faithfully,
BASIL TUFFIELD,
Hafod y Cwm,
Nannerch, Mold, Clwyd.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
June 23: Mr Thomas Young was received in audience by The Queen and Kissed Hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Baku. Mrs Young was also received by Her Majesty.

His Excellency Mr Pavli Qesku was received in audience by The Queen and presented his Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from the Republic of Albania to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following member of the Embassy: Mr Vangjel Dheri (Counsellor).

Mr Anthony Figgis (Assistant Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Mr Justice Kerr was received by The Queen upon his appointment as a Justice of the High Court when Her Majesty conferred upon him the honour of Knighthood and invested him with the Insignia of a Knight Bachelor.

His Excellency Pengiran Haji Mustapha and Datin Norfishah Jirim were received in farewell audience by The Queen and took leave upon His Excellency relinquishing his appointment as High Commissioner for Brunei in London.

Her Majesty held a Council at 12.40pm. There were present: the Rt Hon Antony Newton MP (Lord President), the Lord Fraser of Carmyllie (Minister of State, Scottish Office), the Rt Hon John Gummer MP (Secretary of State for the Environment) and the Rt Hon Nicholas Scott (Minister of State, Department of Social Security).

Mr Roger Freeman MP and Sir George Young Bt MP were sworn in as members of Her Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council.

Mr Nigel Nicholls was in attendance as Clerk of the Council.

The Rt Hon Antony Newton MP had an audience of The Queen before the Council.

Mr Sydney Chapman MP (Vice-Chamberlain of the Household) was received in audience by Her Majesty and presented Addresses from the House of Commons to which The Queen was graciously pleased to make reply.

The President of the Republic of Zimbabwe visited Her Majesty this afternoon.

The Rt Hon John Major MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of The Queen this evening.

The Duke of Edinburgh visited Lauder College, Dunfermline, this morning and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Fife (the Earl of Elgin and Kincardine KT).

His Royal Highness this afternoon attended the National Awards Ceremony for the Skene Young Entrepreneurs Award, Merchants' Hall, Edinburgh, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Mr Norman Irons, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost).

The Duke of Edinburgh, President, the Royal Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland, later attended the gala preview of the Flower Show, Ingliston, Edinburgh. Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis was in attendance.

The Queen was represented by the Viscount Boyne (Lord in Waiting) at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of the Lord Ridley of Liddesdale (a former Cabinet Minister) which was held in St Margaret's Church, Westminster, London SW1, today.

The Princess Royal was represented by Lieutenant Colonel Peter Gibbs, Princess Alexandra, the Hon Lady Ogilvy, was represented by Major Sir Peter Clarke.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir John Grandy at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Dermot Boyle which was held in St Clement Danes Church, Strand, London WC2, today. Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, was represented by Lieutenant Colonel Sir Simon Bland.

June 23: The Prince Edward, Chairman, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, this morning launched "the Summer Challenge" at the BT Tower, 60 Cleveland Street, London W1. Mr Geoffrey Crawford was in attendance.

June 23: The Princess Royal, President, the Missions to Seamen, this morning attended a centennial service at St Mary's Church and opened the new Missions to Seamen Club at Schiedam, The Netherlands. Mrs Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness, Member, the International Olympic Committee, this afternoon attended the inauguration of the Olympic Museum, Lausanne, Switzerland.

The Princess Royal, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Logistics Corps, and Honorary Air Commodore, Royal Air Force Lyneham, was represented by Mrs Andrew Feilden at the Memorial Service for the crew of Hercules XV 193 which was held at Royal Air Force Lyneham, Chippenham, Wiltshire, this afternoon.

CLARENCE HOUSE
June 23: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this morning unveiled a statue of General Charles de Gaulle in Carlton Gardens, SW1. The Dowager Viscountess Hambleden, Sir Alastair Aird and Captain the Hon Edward Dawson-Damer were in attendance.

ST JAMES'S PALACE
June 23: The Prince of Wales today visited Cornwall and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Cornwall (the Viscount Falmouth).

His Royal Highness this morning opened the new Tate Gallery St Ives, Porthmeor. The Prince of Wales this afternoon visited Mount Edgcumbe Hospice, Porthpean Road, St Austell. Miss Belinda Harley was in attendance.

His Royal Highness, President, The Prince's Trust and The Prince's Youth Business Trust, this evening gave a Dinner for supporters of the trusts.

The Prince of Wales was represented by Mr Gerald Ward at the Memorial Service for the crew of Hercules XV 193 which was held at Royal Air Force Lyneham, Chippenham, Wiltshire, this afternoon.

KENSINGTON PALACE
June 23: The Princess of Wales today visited Derbyshire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant (Colonel Sir Peter Hilton).

Her Royal Highness this morning visited the Snoezelen Centre, Whittington Hall Hospital, Old Whittington, Chesterfield.

The Princess of Wales, Patron, RELATE, this afternoon visited Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire RELATE, Othen House, 7 Sheffield Road, Chesterfield. Her Royal Highness later visited Filigree, Carter Lane East, South Normanton.

Captain Edward Musto RM was in attendance.

June 23: The Duke of Gloucester, Grand Prior, Order of St John, accompanied by The Duchess of Gloucester, was present this evening at a gala performance of "The Magic Flute" in aid of St John Ambulance, Kent, at Frenchstreet House, Westerham, Kent.

Their Royal Highnesses were received by Dame Audrey Emerton (Deputy Lieutenant of Kent). Mrs Michael Wigley and Major Nicholas Barne were in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
June 23: The Duke of Kent, President, the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club this afternoon attended the Lawn Tennis Championships, Wimbledon, London SW19. Captain the Honourable Tom Coke was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent this afternoon opened the new Extension to the Paul Strickland Scanner Centre, Mount Vernon Hospital, Northwood, Middlesex. Mrs Colin Marsh was in attendance.

Memorial services

Lord Ridley of Liddesdale

The Queen was represented by Viscount Boyne at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Lord Ridley of Liddesdale held yesterday at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey.

The Princess Royal was represented by Lieutenant-Colonel Peter Gibbs, Prince and Princess Michael of Kent by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Christopher Thompson and Princess Alexandra by Major Sir Peter Clarke.

Canon Donald Gray officiated. Viscount Ridley, KG, brother, and Lord Vestey, President of the Cirencester and Tewkesbury Conservative Association, read the lessons. Lord Barnard read from the works of Joseph Warton and Mr Michael Howard, QC, MP, Secretary of State for the Home Department, from the works of Thomas Traherne. Baroness Thatcher, OM, gave an address.

The Rev Jonathan Goodall, Chaplain and Sacrist, Westminster Abbey, and the Rev Roger Holloway were robed and in the Sanctuary.

The Lord Chancellor, the Prime Minister, the Speaker, the Lord Privy Seal and Leader of the House of Lords, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Secretary of State for Transport, the Secretary of State for Defence, the Secretary of State for the Environment, the Secretary of State for Employment, the Secretary of State for Social Security, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, the Government Chief Whip and the Chairman of the Conservative Party attended. The Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs was represented by the Hon Mark Lennox-Boyd, MP, and the Secretary of State for National Heritage by Mr Anthony Steen, MP. Others present included:

Lady Ridley of Liddesdale (widow), Mr and the Hon Mrs Stephen Thomas, the Hon Mrs Charles Rickett (daughter), Mr and the Hon Mrs David Fletcher (son-in-law and daughter), Viscountess Ridley (sister-in-law), the Hon Matthew and Mrs Ridley, Mr and the Hon Mrs Berkeley Cole, Mr and the Hon Mrs Owen Paterson, Mr and the Hon Mrs John James, Mr and Mrs J Links, Lady Richard Percy.

The Duke of Buccleuch, KT, and the Duchess of Buccleuch, the Duchess of Northumberland, Penelope Marchioness of Zetland, Earl and Countess Bathurst, the Earl of Caithness, the Earl of Carlisle, Earl Ferrers, the Earl of Gowrie, Earl Haig, Earl and Countess Jellicoe, the Earl and Countess of Lonsdale, the Earl of Lytton, the Earl of Selkirk, KT, QC, Viscount Tonypandy, Viscount and Viscountess Dunrossil, Mavis Viscountess Dunrossil, Viscount Long, Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, Viscount Oxfuird, Viscount Whitelaw, KT, CH, and Viscountess Whitelaw.

Lord Weatherill, Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare, Lord and Lady Armstrong of Ilminster, Lady Barnard, Lord and Lady Barber, Lord and Lady Barber of Tewkesbury, Lord and Lady Boardman, Lord Brougham and Vaux, Lady Bruce-Gardyne, Lord Buxton of Alsa, Baroness Carnegy of Lour, Lord Carr of Hadley, Lord Carrington, KG, CH, Lord Cavendish of Furness, Baroness Chalker of Wallasey, Lord and Lady Clark of Kempston, Lord Colnbrook, Lord Crickhowell, Lord and Lady Denham, Ruth Lady Dulverton, Lady Duncan-Sandys, Lord and Lady Elliott of Morpeth, Lord and Lady Fanshawe of Richmond, Lord and Lady Faringdon, Lord Gibson-Watt, Lord Goold, Lord and Lady Grimthorpe, Lord Harris of High Cross, Lord Harvington, Lord and Lady Hastings, Lord Hayhoe, Lord and Lady Henley, Lord and Lady Hesketh, Christian Lady Hesketh, Lord and Lady Holderness, Lord Howe of Aberavon, QC, Lord Inchyra, Lord Kimball, Lord and Lady King of Wartnaby, Lord Lane of Horsell, Lord and Lady Lawson of Blaby, Lord and Lady McAlpine of West Green, Baroness Macleod of Borve, Lady Marlesford, Lord Merlyn-Rees, Lord Middleton, Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, Lord Moore of Lower Marsh, Lord Murton of Lindisfarne, Lord and Lady Oranmore and Browne, Lord Orr-Ewing, Lord and Lady Parkinson, Lord Peyton of Yeovil, Lord Rees, QC, Lord Renton, QC, Lord and Lady Renwick, Baroness Seccombe, Lord Shackleton, KG, Lord Shawcross, QC, Lord Skelmersdale, Lord Stewartby, Lord Stodart of Leaston, Baroness Strange, Lord Tebbit, CH, Lord Trefgarne, Baroness Trumpington, Lady Vestey.

Mr Kenneth Baker, CH, MP, Mr John Biffen, MP, Sir John Cope, MP, Mr Alastair Goodlad, MP, Mrs John Gummer, the Hon Archie Hamilton, MP, Sir Peter Hordern, MP, Mrs Michael Howard, Mr David Howell, MP, and Mrs Howell, Mr Michael Jopling, MP, and Mrs Jopling, Mr Tom King, CH, MP, Mr Norman Lamont, MP, Mrs Peter Lilley, the Hon Sir Peter Morrison, Sir Cranley Onslow, MP, Sir Wyn Roberts, MP, Dame Angela Rumbold, MP, the Hon Timothy Sainsbury, MP, Sir Derek Spencer, QC, MP, Sir David Steel, MP, Sir John Wheeler, MP, Sir Richard and Lady Luce, Dr J Dickson Mabon, Sir John Nott, Mr and Mrs Enoch Powell, Mr Timothy Raison, Mrs Richard Ryder.

Lady Moorea Black, Lady Amabel Lindsay, the Hon Nicholas Soames, MP, the Hon Adam Bruce-Gardyne, the Hon George Bathurst, the Hon Sir Clive and Lady Barbara Bossom, the Hon Fiona Campbell, the Hon Moyra Campbell, the Hon Martin Fortescue, the Hon Bernard Jenkin, MP, the Hon Mrs Lennox-Boyd, the Hon Colin Moynihan, the Hon Richard Norton, the Hon Harry Vane, Sir Charles and Lady Graham, Lady Kennard, Sir Anthony and Lady Meyer, Lady Morrison-Bell.

Sir Clifford Boulton, Sir Anthony Durant, MP, Sir George Gardiner, MP, Sir Russell Johnston, MP, Sir David Mitchell, MP, Sir Hector Monro, MP, Sir Michael Neubert, MP, Sir Jerry Wiggin, MP, Dame Shirley Oxenbury, Dame Wendy Mitchell, Sir Basil Feldman, Sir Paul Nicholson, Sir Christopher and Lady Benson, Sir Ralph and Lady Carr-Ellison, Sir Robert Clark, Sir Charles Fletcher-Cooke, QC, Sir Victor Goodhew, Dame Jane Gow, Sir Peter Gregson, Sir Ronald Grierson, Sir Stephen Hastings, Sir Terry Heiser, Sir James and Lady Hennessy, Sir Philip and Lady Holland, Sir John and Lady Hoskyns, Sir Bernard Ingham, Sir Peter Lazarus, Sir Gilbert Longden, Sir John and Lady Loveridge, Sir Carol and the Hon Lady Mather, Sir Guy Millard, Rear-Admiral Sir Morgan Morgan-Giles, Sir Charles Powell, Sir Gordon Reece, Sir Robert Reid, Sir Robert and Lady Rhodes James, Sir Michael and Lady Shaw, Sir John Smith, Sir John Stokes, Sir Michael Straker, Dame Susan Tinson, Sir David and Lady Trippier, Sir Christopher Tugendhat, Sir John Ure, Sir Robert Wade-Gery, Mr Paul and Lady Tana Focke, Mr and the Hon Mrs S Phillips.

Baron Vaes, Mr Richard Addis, Mr R A Allan, Mr John Ashplant, Mr Tony Baldry, MP, Mr J G Bellak, Mr Nicholas Bennett, Mr and Mrs W F W Bischoff, Mr Peter Bottomley, MP, Mrs Humphrey Brooke, Mr J O H Burrough, Mr and Mrs Christopher Chope, Mr Gerald Clark, Miss Felicity Clark, Mr and Mrs Michael Clark, Mr M J B Cookson, Mr Peter Cropper, Mr Tam Dalyell, MP, Mr Hugh Dykes, MP, Mr John Dyson, Mr and Mrs J J C Edwards, Mr Tim Eggar, MP, Mr Michael Forsyth, MP, and Mrs Forsyth, Mr and Mrs H W G Elwes, Mr and Mrs Desmond FitzGerald, Mr and Mrs John Green, Mr Max Hastings, Mr Simon Heffer, Mr and Mrs Richard Henderson, Mr and Mrs Robin Herbert, Mr and Mrs George R Hill, Mr Nicholas Hood, Mr Anthony Howard, Mr and Mrs Gerald Howarth, Mr Derek Howe, Mr David Ingman, Mr Toby Jessel, MP, Mr G Duncan Johnston, Mr Henry Keswick, Mr David Knapp, Mr Tony Lewis, Mr P C McQuail, Mr Michael Mates, MP, Mr Charles Moore, Miss D A Nichols, Miss Emma Nicholson, MP, Mr Steven Norris, MP, Mr John Palmer, Mr and Mrs Graham Paterson, Mr and Mrs David Peake, Mr Algernon Percy, Mr H A R Powell, Mr Tim Rathbone, MP, and Mrs Rathbone, Mr Patrick Robertson, Mr Kenneth Rose, Mr R T J Ellison, Mr and Mrs D J Wright and Mr R U Young.

Marshal of the RAF Sir Dermot Boyle

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were represented by Marshal of the RAF Sir John Grandy at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Marshal of the RAF Sir Dermot Boyle held yesterday at St Clement Danes, Strand. Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester was represented by Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland. The Rev A.T.R. Goode officiated and the Right Rev F.W. Cocks led the prayers. Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, Chief of the Air Staff, and Mr Tony Boyle, son, read the lessons. Marshal of the RAF Sir Denis Spotswood gave an address. The Ven B.H. Lucas, Chaplain-in-Chief, RAF, pronounced the blessing. The Rev Nicholas Maddock, also representing Sway Parish Church, Lymington, Hampshire, was robed.

During the service Sir Dermot's medals were borne in procession to the altar by Flying Officer Graham Boyle, grandson, and Student Officers N.M.B. Cogley and N. Kitney from RAF College Cranwell. Among others present were:

Mr and Mrs C P Boyle (son and daughter-in-law), Mr and Mrs J C V Lang (son-in-law and daughter), Miss N L Boyle, Mrs Graham Boyle, Miss R S Lang, Miss A C Lang and Miss S J Lang (grandchildren), Mr P Cangley, Mr N Beale, Miss N Boyle, Mr B Collins, Mrs John Duckworth, Mr S Duckworth, Dr Sylvia Duckworth, Mr and Mrs A H W Dunbar, Mr C H W Dunbar, Mr and Mrs M Spooner, Mr N Spooner, Miss D Swann, Mrs M MacDonnell, Mrs A D Messenger, Mr M D Messenger, Mrs E Evans, Miss C Evans, Mr G Hall, Mrs D Harpur, Mr R Herbert-Jones, Mrs V B Hernu, Mr P P Hernu, Mr J Hernu, Mr R Hutchings, Mrs P Plewman, Mrs E Evans, Mr Neville Beale, Mr Roger Jones, Miss Diana Swan, Mr and Mrs R D Rogers.

Patricia Viscountess Trenchard, Lord Nelson of Stafford, Marshal of the RAF Lord and Lady Craig of Radley, Air Commodore the Hon Timothy and Mrs Elworthy, Marshal of the RAF Sir Michael Beetham, Marshal of the RAF Sir Peter Harding (Chief of Defence Staff) and Lady Harding, Marshal of the RAF Sir Keith Williamson, Air Chief Marshal Sir John Barraclough, Air Chief Marshal Sir Brian and Lady Burnett, Air Chief Marshal Sir Christopher Foxley-Norris (Battle of Britain Fighter Association) and Lady Foxley-Norris, Air Chief Marshal Sir Edmund Hudleston, Air Chief Marshal Sir Brendan Jackson, Air Chief Marshal Sir Thomas and Lady Kennedy, Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Knight (Officers' Association), Air Chief Marshal Sir Nigel Maynard, Air Chief Marshal Sir David Parry-Evans, Air Chief Marshal Sir Frederick and Lady Rosier, Air Chief Marshal Sir Denis Smallwood, Air Chief Marshal Sir Neville Stack (president, Old Cranwellian Association) and Lady Stack, Air Chief Marshal Sir John Thomson, Air Chief Marshal Sir Andrew Wilson.

Air Marshal Sir Roger Austin-Smith, Air Marshal Sir Denis Crowley-Milling, Air Marshal Sir John and Lady Curtiss, Air Marshal Sir Patrick Dunn, Air Marshal Sir Edward and Lady Gordon Jones, Air Marshal Sir Kenneth Hayr, Air Marshal Sir John and Lady Lapsley, Air Marshal Sir Charles and Lady Pringle, Air Marshal Sir Frederick Sowrey (RAF Historical Society), Air Marshal Sir John and Lady Willis, Air Vice-Marshal Sir Bernard and Lady Chacksfield, Air Vice-Marshal Sir Brian Stanbridge (Rhinefield Probus Club), Group Captain Sir Hugh Dundas, Group Captain Sir Gordon Pirie, Lady Barnett, Lady Bromet, Lady Constantine, Sir George Edwards, OM, Lady Graydon, Lady Grandy, Lady (Lewis) Hodges, Lady Humphrey, Lady Kyle, Sir Arthur Marshall, Sir Ronald Melville, Sir Frederick Page, Dame Felicity Peake, Lady Spotswood, Lady Whittingham.

Major-General C B Q Wallace (representing the Chief of the General Staff), Major-General David O'Morchoe (representing the fellows, St Columba's College, Dublin), Air Vice-Marshal A J C Bagnall, Air Vice-Marshal A B Blackley, Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs B Brownlow, Air Vice-Marshal T Garden, Air Vice-Marshal and Mrs H A V Hogan, Air Vice-Marshal R H Kyle, Air Vice-Marshal I D Macfadyen, Air Vice-Marshal A Maisner, Air Vice-Marshal B H Newton, Air Vice-Marshal Michael Pilkington, Air Vice-Marshal P T Squire (No 1 Group and No 1 Squadron Association), and Mrs Squire, Air Commodore M G Abbott, Air Commodore P M Brothers, Air Commodore R B Duckett (RAF College Cranwell), Air Commodore Mitchell (British Aerospace), Air Commodore Christopher Paul (Central Flying School Association), Air Commodore G Pitchfork, Air Commodore John Mitchell (British Aerospace), Group Captain J Cunningham, Lieutenant-Colonel P Steer (British Schools Exploring Society), Wing Commander P B Lucas, Wing Commander Dennis Jackson (South Eastern TAVRA), Squadron Leader and Mrs F R Leadon, Squadron Leader L W Pilerini (Bomber Command Association) and Mrs Pilgrim, Captain C Filon (Master of the Guild of Air Pilots and Air Navigators), Flight Lieutenant Pat Tuhill (vice-chairman, Air Crew Association), Mrs J Duckworth, Dr M A Fopp (RAF Museum), Mrs Philip Astley, Mr Nat Garrett, Mrs M Godfrey, Mr William Grands, Mrs D Harpur, Mrs J Howard, Mr L C Hunting, Mrs Keith Kyle, Miss S Kyle, Miss Maria Morris, Mrs D Rowan, Mr D M A Samuels, Mr S Seymour (Society of Friends of RAF Museum), Mr James Sharpley, Mr and Mrs D Shepherd, Miss M Skilton, Dr J Taylor, Mr B Trubshaw, Miss K Wysard and Mr John Young.

Sir John Rodgers, Bt

A Memorial Service for Sir John Rodgers, Bt, will be held at noon on Wednesday, July 21, in the Chapel of St Mary Undercroft, Palace of Westminster. Those intending to be present are asked to notify in writing: Sir Tobias Rodgers, Bt, 34 Warwick Avenue, London, W9 2PT, so that the appropriate seating arrangements can be made.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.I. Aldrich and Miss S. Kirkup
The engagement is announced between David Ivan, youngest son of Commander David Aldrich and the late Mrs Rosemary Aldrich, of Wincanton, Somerset, and Sandra, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Kirkup, of Chester-le-Street, Durham.

Mr K.F. Bilimoria and Miss L.H. Walker
The engagement is announced between Karan, elder son of Lieutenant General and Mrs F.N. Bilimoria, of Dehra Dun, India, and Heather, only daughter of Mr R Walker and Mrs J. Walker, of South Africa.

Mr M.J. Chater and Miss J.H. Vaughan Johnson
The engagement is announced between Matthew, son of Mr and Mrs James Chater of Mears Ashby, Northamptonshire and Jill, daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Vaughan Johnson, of Bermuda.

Mr M.H. Eady and Dr D.L. Lury
The engagement is announced between Mark, twin son of Mr and Mrs Keith Eady, of Gorleston-on-Sea, Norfolk, and Donna, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ralph Lury, of Little Shelford, Cambridge.

Mr J.M. Griffiths and Miss I.M.E. Besley
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs J.D. Griffiths, of the Barbican, London, and Iona, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Besley, of Wimbledon, London.

Mr J.P. Repard and Miss J.S. Churchill
The engagement is announced between James, younger son of Mr and Mrs Hugo Repard, of Westerton, Sussex, and Jennie, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Winston S. Churchill, of Westerham, Kent.

Mr R.B. Stanton and Miss A.M. Montgomery
The engagement is announced between Richard, eldest son of Mr and Mrs G.R.E. Stanton, of The Manor House, Dersingham, Norfolk, and Anna, daughter of Mr and Mrs M.G. Montgomery, of Thorngate, Adelaide, South Australia.

Mr P.J. Tabor and Miss C.S. Thompson
The engagement is announced between Peter, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Dennis Tabor, of Smallfield, Surrey, and Charlotte, daughter of Mr and Mrs Hubert Thompson, of Kermincham, Cheshire.

Today's royal engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh, as President of the Royal Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland, will attend the 1993 Royal Highland Show at Ingliston at 10.00.

The Prince of Wales will visit the Royal Horticultural Society and National Council for the Conservation of Plants and Gardens at Wisley at 1.00.

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of the Dystrophic Epidermolysis Bullosa Research Association, will attend a luncheon at Ironmongers' Hall at 12.45.

The Duke of York will attend a luncheon for CARE at 30 Pavilion Road at 1.00; and as president will attend an exhibition at the Photographers' Gallery, Newport Street, at 6.15.

Princess Margaret, as President of the Girl Guides Association, will attend the opening ceremony of the Commonwealth Chief Commissioners' conference at Dyffryn House, near Cardiff, at 6.45.

The Duke of Gloucester will take the salute at the passing out parade of No 155 Entry of Aircraft Engineering Technician Apprentices at RAF Halton at 9.55 and will also visit No 1 School of Technical Training.

The Duchess of Kent will attend the lawn tennis championship meeting at Wimbledon at 1.50.

The Duke of Kent, as Patron of the American Air Museum in Britain appeal, will attend a reception at St James's Palace at 7.00.

PETER TRIEVNOR

Curtain call: Dame Judi Dench unveiling a panel commemorating Dame Peggy Ashcroft at the Ashcroft Theatre, Croydon, south London

School news

Brentwood School (HMC)
The following awards have been made:
Boys' Foundation Scholarships:
Major: P D McGovern, Gidea Park College; C Mulcahy, St Helen's RC Junior School.
Minor: A R Edelsten, Brentwood Preparatory School; A Moss, Brentwood Preparatory School; C M Staples, St Cedd's Preparatory School; A M Szczuka, Brentwood Preparatory School.
Girls' Academic: L M James, Herington House; S C Poupard, Herington House.
Music Scholarships: D Dipper, St Thomas of Canterbury Junior School; A R Edelsten, Brentwood Preparatory School; E A Prest, Ursuline Preparatory School; I W Y Ryan, Upminster Junior School; J L G Rose, Brentwood Preparatory School.
Sixth Form Art: F B F Guthrie-Brown; H Ng.
Brentwood School (HMC) is a charitable trust for the purpose of educating children.

Birthdays today

Sir Anthony Barrowclough, QC, former Ombudsman, 69; Viscount Bledisloe, QC, 59; Lord Braine of Wheatley, 79; Mr Robin Cutler, director-general, Forestry Commission, 59; Mr Garfield Davies, trades unionist, 58; Mrs Anita Desai, novelist, 56; Professor K.J. Durrands, vice-chancellor and rector, Huddersfield University, 64; Mr Juan Fangio, racing driver, 82; Mr Mick Fleetwood, drummer, 51; Professor Sir Fred Hoyle, astronomer, 78; Miss Betty Jackson, fashion designer, 46; Sir Edward Jackson, diplomat, 68; Mr Brian Johnston, cricket commentator, 81; the Earl of Northesk, 67; Professor John Postgate, microbiologist, 71; Miss Mary Wesley, writer, 81; Sir John Whitford, former High Court judge, 80.

Reception

Sybase (UK) Limited
Mr Edward Leigh, MP, was the principal speaker at a reception given by Sybase (UK) Limited at the House of Commons yesterday. Mr John Spiers, Marketing Director of Sybase, also spoke. Mr Barry Porter, MP, was host.

Service dinner

Mountain Artillery
Major-General M.T. Tennant was the principal guest at the annual dinner of the Mountain Artillery held last night at the Naval and Military Club. Major-General D.B. Egerton presided.

University news

Oxford
Balliol College
The Fellows have elected Colin Renshaw Lucas, formerly fellow and tutor of the college, and currently professor of modern history and dean of the division of the social sciences at the University of Chicago, to succeed to the Mastership on the retirement of Dr B S Blumberg in September 1994.

Luncheon

HM Government
The Hon Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, and Mrs Hurd held a luncheon yesterday at 1 Carlton Gardens for members of the de Gaulle family to mark the unveiling of the statue of General de Gaulle by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

Conversazione

The Institution of Civil Engineers
The Institution of Civil Engineers last night held its annual Conversazione on a nineteen twenties theme. Members and their guests were received at the Westminster headquarters by Mr Mike Cottell, President, and Mrs Cottell and Mr Roger Dobson, Director General, and Mrs Dobson.

Appointment

Alan Furness to be ambassador to Senegal and Cape Verde.

Dinners

Woolmen's Company
Mr Raymond J.R. Cousins, Master of the Woolmen's Company, presided at the annual ladies dinner held last night at Goldsmiths' Hall. Alderman Sir Peter Gadsden and Mr W.M. Mitchell also spoke. The Masters of the Feltmakers', Arbitrators' and Constructors' Companies and their ladies were among the guests.

United and Cecil Club
Mr Sydney Chapman, MP, was host to the United and Cecil Club at a dinner held last night at the House of Commons. Sir Marcus Fox, chairman, presided. Mr John Patten, MP, was the principal guest and speaker. Mr Lewis Moss also spoke.

Meeting

NCH George Thomas Society
Mr Neville Shulman, Chairman of the National Children's Home George Thomas Society, presided at the annual meeting held yesterday at the Shell Centre. Viscount Tonypandy, Mr Ian Wratislaw and Ms Rosemary Lilley also spoke.

PERSONAL COLUMN

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Monday June 14th
We and our words, prudence, and knowledge and craftsmanship, all are in God's hand.
Wisdom of Solomon 7 : 16

Tuesday June 15th

BIRTHS

BANCROFT - On 16th June, to Amanda (née McCance) and Adam, a son, Alexander Joseph Powell, a brother to Jessica.

BLACKABY - On 21st June 1993, to Laura (née Rodrigues) and Nigel, a son, Joseph Ronald.

CANTELLOW - On May 27th 1993, to Jane (née Wort) and Ralph, a son, Max Alexander Arnould.

CHELL - On 17th June 1993, to Julie (née Salmon) and Kevin, a son, Daniel Lester.

CLIFF - On June 2nd, to Pip (née Cope) and Mark, twin daughters, Lucy and Annabel, sisters for Charlotte.

CULLIS - On 21st June at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Pauline (née Stone) and Jonathan, a son, Henry Charles.

DONOVAN - On June 21st at Queen Mary's, Roehampton, to Henrietta (née Acheson-Gray) and Shane, a son, Archie Nevill Hugh.

ELDRED - On June 22nd at the Wellington Hospital, to Annie and John, a beautiful son, John Henry.

GREENTREE - On Thursday June 10th 1993, to Melissa (née Howard) and Brett, a son, Nicholas John Howard, at Queen Charlotte's & Chelsea Hospital, London. We are so pleased he's here.

HAMAM - On June 22nd at The Portland Hospital, to Marie Therese and Michel, a daughter, Alexandra, a sister to Philippe.

HAMBLETON - On 20th June in Hong Kong, to Helen (née Westmoreland) and Neil, a son, Jack Kenneth.

HOLDEN - On June 16th, to Mary (née Matson) and Stephen, a son, Thomas Michael Frederick, a brother for Alexandra.

IREGBESE - On June 16th at the Wellington Hospital, to Mary (née Jack) and Chief (Dr) Mike, a beautiful daughter, Rosemary, a sister for Gabby and Andy.

KING - On 21st June, to Sarah (née Hopkins) and Peter, a son, Thomas Frederick Wimhurst, a brother for Ruth and David.

REES - On 6th June 1993, to Jill (née Stevens) and Richard, a son, William Alexander Gwyn.

SHERR - On June 22nd at the Wellington Hospital, to Karen (née Eagles) and Rob, a daughter, Emily Natasha, a sister for Matthew and Alexander.

SIMMONS - On 23rd June 1993 at The Matilda Hospital Hong Kong, to Liz (née Whitfield) and Colin, a daughter Hannah Elizabeth. A sister for Katie and Rebecca.

STANLEY - On June 18th at the Wellington Hospital, to Reg and Abbie, a son, Chikere, a brother to Uche and Chiji.

SWAIN - On 23rd June 1993 to David and Lindy, in Sydney, Australia, a son, Simeon Edward Gaylor.

VINCENT - To Johnny and Henrietta on Sunday 20th June 1993, a darling daughter, Molly Courtney Isabel, a sister for Eloise.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

NIGHTINGIRL:MONTFORT
REES - On 24th June 1943, at Christ Church, Down Street, Mayfair, Michael (F/O R.A.F.V.R.) to June (S/O W.A.A.F.). Now at Crowborough, Sussex. Remembering also our Flight Commander Jimmy Holden reported missing 1944.

PICKERING:ROLL - On 24th June 1943 at Christchurch, Epsom, Tom to Nora.

DEATHS

AYKROYD - Cecil William on 23rd June aged 88 years, eldest son of the late Sir Frederic Aykroyd Bt., peacefully at his home Birstwith Hall. Much loved uncle, great-uncle and great-great-uncle. Funeral Service at St Thomas a Becket Church, Hampsthwaite, Harrogate, on Monday 28th June at 12 noon. Enquiries to W. Bowers, services to the bereaved Harrogate (0423) 770258.

BOWRING - On 22nd June 1993 at the Princess Elizabeth Hospital Guernsey, peacefully at the end, Kathleen Etna, universally known as Jane, the brave and darling wife for 59½ years of George. Dearly loved mother of Clive and Julie, aunt, great-aunt and friend of many, in her 83rd year. Funeral, Torteval Parish Church at 3 pm on Monday 28th June followed by private cremation. Family flowers only but donations if desired to Imperial Cancer Research Fund, Lincolns Inn Field, London WC2A 3PX. No letters please.

BURT - On June 21st, peacefully at Wymeswold Court Nursing Home, surrounded by much loving care, Elizabeth Gertrude, née Stansfeld, aged 88. Dear wife of the late Kenneth, much loved by friends and family especially her daughter Jane and husband Philip Feather, her grandchildren and her great-grandchildren who gave her so much joy. Her funeral service is to be held at 12.30 pm on Tuesday June 29th at Loughborough Crematorium Chapel. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to Alzheimer's Disease Society. (cheques made payable to Alzheimer's Disease Society) c/o G. Gamble & Sons (Quorn) Ltd., 101 Meeting Street, Quorn, Leicestershire. Telephone: (0509) 415415.

BURTON - Suddenly on June 22nd at home in Weybridge, Wilfred (Bill) aged 82, formerly of Malaya, Nepal and Botswana. Beloved husband of Christine. Requiem Mass 11 am Tuesday June 29th at the Holy Family Church, Addlestone, Surrey, followed by interment at Weybridge Cemetery. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to The Bourne Trust c/o F.W. Chitty & Co., 46 Elmgrove Road, Weybridge, Surrey, tel: (0932) 842220.

CLAY - On Tuesday June 22nd 1993 after a short illness at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, Mary (Molly) Garrie (née Esslemont) M.B., Ch.B. Beloved wife of the late Dr. Austin Clay and much loved sister of Gordon, Jack and the late Lottie Esslemont. Funeral private by her own request.

EAST - On Monday June 21st 1993, peacefully aged 85 years, Grahame Richard C.M.G. of Sutton, Surrey. Beloved husband of Cynthia and father of Rosalind, Richard, Celia and John and grandfather of ten. Funeral Service to be held at Putney Vale Crematorium on July 1st at 1.30 pm. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to The British Diabetic Association, c/o 10 Queen Anne Street, London SW1.

ELLISON - Peacefully at home on 20th June in his 80th year, Alan Olaf. Widower of Joan and of Nora, father of Ian, Robert and Bill and grandfather of Joanna and Roland. Funeral at St John's Church, Hurst Green, Oxted, Surrey, on 28th June at 12.30pm. Flowers to Ebbutt Funeral Service, Limpsfield, or donations to Multiple Sclerosis Society. A loving husband, father and friend.

MONCREIFF - On Sunday June 20th 1993, at Dalnaglar Nursing Home, Crieff, Elizabeth Cleather Moncreiff aged 78, late of Glimerton, Crieff. Funeral Service at Monzie Church, Gilmerton by Crieff, on Tuesday June 29th at 12 noon to which all friends are invited.

MORETON - On Tuesday June 22nd, peacefully in hospital, Betty Shirley. Much loved mother of Mild and grandmother of Natasha, Alexei and Katya. Funeral Service at Putney Vale Crematorium on Tuesday 29th June at 2 pm.

MOUNT - On June 22nd, peacefully at home, William Malcolm, much loved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Funeral at Wasing Church on Monday June 28th at 2.30 pm. Enquiries to Camp Hopson & Co. Funeral Directors (0635) 522210.

NORLEDGE - On June 22nd 1993, at his home, Graham aged 67 years, beloved husband of Joyce and loving father of Jonathan, Michael and Anne. He will be sadly missed. Funeral Service at Monewden Church on Monday June 28th at 2 pm.

POWELL - On Sunday 20th June 1993, Maurice, formerly Senior Lecturer in the Department of Applied Psychology, U.W.I.S.T. Cardiff, passed away after a long illness. Beloved father of Janet and John, loved partner of Joan Joshua Turberville. Resting at the private funeral home of James Pidgeon & Son, 539 Cowbridge Road East, Victoria Park, Cardiff until the funeral on Thursday July 1st service 11.30 am in the Chapel at Thornhill Crematorium, Cardiff. Flowers may be sent to the funeral home, or if wished donations may be sent to Princess Margaret Wing, Velindre Hospital, Cardiff.

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OBITUARIES

PROFESSOR COULTER McDOWELL

Coulter McDowell, former Professor of Applied Mathematics at Royal Holloway and Bedford New College, London University, died on June 13 aged 61, a victim of Legionnaire's disease. He was born on January 30, 1932.

COULTER McDowell achieved world wide recognition for his contributions to the theory of atomic and molecular processes. After a brilliant undergraduate career he announced his mature qualities with a remarkable doctoral thesis on atomic particle collisions and went on to produce, generally in collaboration, a number of influential books. In all his activities he displayed tremendous energy and enthusiasm which, coupled with his swift appreciation of new ideas and his ability to identify and master new directions of research, made him a powerful and original investigator.

He was Professor of Applied Mathematics at Royal Holloway College, Egham, Surrey, from 1969 and when Royal Holloway merged with Bedford College, London, in 1985, he took the chair at the new London University institute, Royal Holloway and Bedford New College. He held this for one more year until, in 1986, he was tragically struck down by the illness which cruelly cut short a brilliant career.

Martin Rastall Coulter McDowell was educated at the Methodist College, Belfast, where he won the Sullivan scholarship to Queen's University. In 1953 he took a first in mathematics.

After taking an MA in Physics at Columbia University, New York, he returned to Queen's and in 1957 produced an outstanding PhD thesis "Quantal calculations on heavy particle collisions" under the joint supervision of Professor D. R. Bates and Professor A. Dalgarno. This led to an immediate appointment as lecturer in Mathematics at Royal Holloway College.

In 1964 he was appointed Reader in Applied Mathematics at Durham, a move which led to the expansion of atomic physics there and a broadening of his own field of research. On his return to Royal Holloway in 1969 to take the chair there, he rapidly built up a powerful research group in theoretical atomic physics. From 1982 to 1986 he was head of the Mathematics department.

During the early part of his career, McDowell contributed mainly to the theory of heavy particle collisions, and published, with J. P. Coleman, the seminal monograph "An introduction to the theory of ion-atom collisions."

He was the first to carry out calculations on the orientation and alignment parameters describing the scattering of spin-polarised electrons and atoms. He pursued some of the first modern calculations on atoms in intense electromagnetic fields and made outstanding contributions to the very new field of positronium physics.

In the second half of the 1970s he began to build up teaching and researching in Operational Research (OR). By 1980 he had a large OR team of PhD students and research assistants supported by external funding as well as a number of distinguished visiting professors. This was an extraordinary achievement for a collision physicist. His research in OR covered a wide range of problem areas: civil defence (funded by the Home Office); road traffic (Surrey Constabulary and others); health (NW Surrey Health Authority); military decision making (Ministry of Defence); and signals passed at danger (British Rail). New ideas on research games and on the OR process itself were also being developed. His grasp of the detail of these studies impressed, and indeed sometimes astounded, those involved in the day-to-day work of the projects.

In 1981 he persuaded the academic board of Royal Holloway College to support a two-day study exercise to develop a strategy for the future of the college. This led to a proposal by the then Principal (Dr Lionel Butler) that the smaller schools of the University of London should combine on the Egham site to form a strong entity. While this did not come about, the negotiations leading to the merger of Royal Holloway and Bedford Colleges in 1985 were much aided by the results of this exercise.

He served two terms as Dean of Science, was twice a member of the college council and was also a university senator. He was a consultant to various government departments, particularly the Home Office, and served as a Justice of the Peace.

Along with his research, McDowell provided an excellent training to some 30 postgraduate students, many of whom now hold senior posts in universities and industry. His vast and varied research output is reflected in some 170 papers in learned journals and in seven books. His work attracted many distinguished workers from abroad and he was always welcome at research establishments overseas. He spent periods of sabbatical leave at the Georgia Institute of Technology, the University of Colorado, and NASA Greenbelt. In the summer of 1986 he was spending a term at the Université de Paris-sud at Orsay when he contracted a legionella infection following which he lost consciousness. He remained in a coma until his death.

Beyond his energetic and multi-sided working life, McDowell's many friends will remember him for his enthusiasm for music, drama and the arts, as a conversationalist and good companion and, above all, for his human sympathy and kindness.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda, whose fortitude during the last seven years of his life was exemplary, and by their two sons.

DUNCAN BROWNE

Duncan Browne, composer and musician, died of cancer on May 28 aged 46. He was born on March 25, 1947.

DUNCAN Browne's first album *Give Me Take You*, which was produced by Andrew Loog Oldham, became something of a cult hit in both Britain and in the United States. He then moved to RAK Records where, produced by Mickie Most, he made the album *Journey*, the title song of which, with its extraordinary Spanish guitar figure, was a Top Ten hit in 1971.

He formed the band Metro, released an album of the same name, then forged a happy association with Logo Records which produced two successful solo albums *The Wild Places* (1978) and *Streets of Fire* (1979). His songs have been "covered" by Patti Smith, Ian Matthews, Barry Manilow, Colin Blunstone, John English and, particularly successfully, by David Bowie.

The only child of Air Commodore and Mrs C. D. A. Browne, Duncan Browne initially intended to follow his father into the Royal Air Force. He was turned down on health grounds while still at Worksop College, where he was a promising schoolboy actor and clarinettist.

He enrolled instead at the London Academy of Music & Dramatic Art where he was taught composition and harmony by the legendary Anthony Bowles who encouraged him towards a career in music. Soon after leaving drama school in 1967 he was signed to Immediate Records by Andrew Loog Oldham.

For the last 12 years he devoted himself to composing for the theatre, television and film. Among much memorable work was the music for Granada TV's *Travelling Man*, "Salva Me" sung by the soprano Isobel Buchanan for BBC's drama series *Shadow of the Noose*, and, most recently, the musical score of three films for BBC's *The Essential Guide to the History of Europe*.

For the BBC's World Service and Radio 4, frequently working with the producer and arranger Nick Magnus, he composed and recorded themes for *Newshour*, *Mediawatch*, *Network UK* and much else. He wrote music for the Royal National Theatre and was musical director and co-lyricist for *Brel*, starring Sian Phillips at the Donmar Warehouse Theatre.

Largely self-taught, his musical horizons and knowledge were, respectively, limitless and encyclopaedic. He possessed, invaluably, a remarkable gift for judging the contributive value of music to drama and documentary.

He is survived by his wife Lin and one son.

ERNEST HAWKINS

Ernest Joseph Weaver Hawkins, OBE, restorer of Byzantine mosaics and wall-paintings, died on June 8 aged 88. He was born at Dulwich on April 24, 1905.

ERNEST Hawkins was completely *sui generis*. Although lacking formal academic training, he came to be internationally recognised as a leading expert on Byzantine mosaics. He spent the greater part of his working life in the Near East, often living alone, but never went native. A professed atheist, he yet devoted all his energies to the recovery of religious art.

Son of the architect Edgar Hawkins and younger brother of the noted painter Leonard Weaver-Hawkins, Ernest Hawkins came from an "arts and crafts" family. His childhood was scarred by the first world war in the course of which three of his elder brothers were badly injured, a memory he carried throughout his life. After attending Alleyn's School, he was apprenticed to the architectural sculptor Lawrence Turner, becoming an expert in monumental lettering and going on to the restoration of ancient monuments (Canterbury Cathedral, York Minster, the Old Hall, Lincoln's Inn).

The course of his life changed in 1938, when he was recruited by Thomas Whittemore to work in St Sophia, Istanbul. Whittemore, who described himself as a mystic, had founded a somewhat nebulous organisation in Paris called the Byzantine Institute of America and had obtained from Kemal Ataturk himself permission to uncover from beneath Muslim plaster the figural mosaics of St Sophia. He conducted this operation in the utmost secrecy, employing a succession of young men to do the practical work *in situ*, while a group of White Russian emigrés in Paris was charged with the scholarship. Among the young men Hawkins was the only one who stayed on.

After war service with the Royal Artillery and the Intelligence Corps, he returned to Istanbul and continued working for Whittemore as technical assistant in St Sophia and the Kariye Camii (monastery of the Chora) until the latter's death in 1950. At that point the field work of the Byzantine Institute was taken over by the Dumbarton Oaks Byzantine Centre of Harvard University. Hawkins found himself under a new employer whom he served until 1975.

Because of what was perceived as his lack of formal qualifications, Hawkins remained for several years in a subordinate position. Although he had scant respect for the competence of some of his academic superiors, his love of the monuments inspired him to carry on. At Istanbul he worked over the years on the restoration of most of the major Byzantine churches.

Meanwhile he had also discovered the Byzantine monuments of Cyprus, where he took a leading part in the restoration and study of the mosaics of Kiti and Kanakaria (the latter vandalised a few years ago) and the wall-paintings of St Neophytos, St Chrysostomos, Asinou and Perachorio. As his reputation grew, he was increasingly invited as an expert to advise on the restoration of other Early Christian and Byzantine mosaics, notably those of Centcelles in Spain, St Catheries monastery on Mount Sinai and, lastly, San Marco in Venice. His keen eye and instinctive knowledge of the mosaicist's craft often led him to important discoveries, as when he worked out the chronological sequence of the apse mosaics of St Sophia or established that the unusual white shoes of the prostrate emperor in the narthex of the same church owed their colour to loss of red paint on the tesserae. His numerous publications appeared mostly in collaboration with P. A. Underwood, A. H. S. Megaw, C. Mango and R. Cormack. Two (on Kiti and the Deisis mosaic in St Sophia) are still awaited.

All the monuments that passed through his hands were left as close as possible to their original condition; his interventions being limited to the cleaning and consolidation of the painted surface and making areas of loss visually unobtrusive. He never repainted missing limbs nor did he favour, unless absolutely essential, the common practice of *stacco* (removing a surface from the wall and then re-attaching it again).

Hawkins had hoped to retire to his lovely house at Lapithos on the north coast of Cyprus, but the Turkish invasion made that impossible. And so he returned to England, where he had the satisfaction of being reunited with his wife Hilda who had been increasingly unable to accompany him on his wanderings. He is survived by her and by their son.

VICTOR MADDERN

Victor Maddern, British character actor, died of cancer in a hospice in Hackney, east London, on June 22 aged 65. He was born on March 16, 1928.

Victor Maddern and Sid James in *Carry on Cleo*

WITH his button nose and lived-in face, Victor Maddern was a hardy perennial of British films for a period of twenty years in the 1950s and 1960s. Supporting roles in Ealing comedies and bit-parts in B-horror movies were all grist to his mill. But some of his most memorable performances were as a sort of "other ranks" version of Jack Hawkins in some of the milestone war films of the Fifties. Thus, in the box-office hit *Cockleshell Heroes* (1955), he played one of the ten marines who are sent on mission virtually-impossible — to canoe into Bordeaux harbour, attach limpet mines to German ships, and get away again. In a cast led by a Jose Ferrer and Trevor Howard, Maddern conveyed a characteristically homely honesty as Sergeant Craig.

Although normally styled a "stocky Cockney" in reference books — and thus in the minds of the cinema-going public — Maddern always disclaimed the cockney label. Quite correctly, he did not regard his place of birth, Seven Kings, Essex, as being within the ambit of Bow bells. Some of his childhood was spent in Berkshire where he was evacuated during the war. At that time his father died and his mother remarried. When Maddern returned home he did not feel terribly at ease in the new domestic set-up. As soon as he could he left home and went into digs.

At the same time he joined a shipping firm as a general factotum. The war was still on and he felt he ought to do his bit. This feeling was given impetus by the fact that he looked considerably older than his 15 years and there was no shortage of armchair patriots to ask him why a strapping young man like him was loafing at home. So he went to sea in one of the company's ships and stayed there for three years.

When he came back on shore he cast about for something to do and applied for a scholarship to RADA. He was invited to a succession of auditions at which it finally boiled down to a choice between him and another candidate who was from South Africa. As things were level pegging RADA's principal told him that if the South African did not get in he would have to go back home. Maddern agreed to defer his entry to RADA for a term, thus giving the young Laurence Harvey his break.

While at RADA and for some years afterwards Maddern taught drama at a college of further education. He also did a certain amount of stage work. In the meantime he had caught the attention of John Boulting who gave him his first film part in *Seven Days to Noon* (1950) a thriller about a mad nuclear scientist who threatens to blow up London. From then on he was seldom out of work. In the Fifties, besides *Cockleshell Heroes*, he featured in the Boulting brothers' celebrated army farce, *Private's Progress* (1956); the laconic *A Hill in Korea* (1956) in which he played a wryly humorous national serviceman in a bazooka unit; and the irreverent look at British trade unions *I'm All Right Jack* (1959) which presaged the satire boom of the following decade.

A natural in comedy, in the Sixties Maddern was caught up by the *Carry On* vogue (notably, clad in Roman tin and flannel in *Carry On Cleo*) and was in danger of being stigmatised as the "actor of a thousand B-movies" by the popular press. But whatever role he lent himself to he always inhabited it with true professionalism.

His film career began to tail off in the Seventies. He had little appetite for the brutal realism that was taking over the screen and actually refused parts in films which he regarded as relying too much on bad language. But there was a certain amount of television work in programmes like the *Dick Emery Show*.

He had plenty to interest him outside acting: at one time he tried to grow and market mushrooms, but, as he freely admitted, this was not a great success. He also diversified into printing film scripts and latterly he had run a public-speaking school. He was active in both these until a brain tumour was diagnosed four months ago.

He is survived by his wife Joan and by four daughters.

Herminia Silva

HERMINIA SILVA, Fado singer and actress died on June 13 in Lisbon aged 80.

Although not as famous abroad as her rival Amalia Rodrigues — the Queen of Fado, Herminia Silva was much loved at home for her haunting versions of Portugal's mournful songs of the sea, love and longing for distant shores. Her unaffected style won her the nickname "the grass roots Fadista".

Famous for poignant repartee with audiences in smoky Lisbon bars, Silva also became a film star in Portugal in the 1940s with a series of roles in films telling tales of everyday Portuguese life. These included *Ribatejo* and *Costa do Castelo* — a film about the Lisbon area where she grew up.

She began singing at the age of ten when working as a seamstress.

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More than the average significance attached to the showing of *Blackmail*, as it was the first full-length talking subject to be made in a British film studio, Mr. Alfred Hitchcock, the director, should be well pleased with his work, which easily surpasses its forerunners in the peculiar gifts which the sound film is acquiring for itself. From the first Mr. Hitchcock has held firmly to the principles of movement which underlie his craft. *Blackmail* is a true motion picture, and frees us from the idea that the camera must be transfixed and the pictorial flow of the film arrested merely for the pleasure of recording a variety of strange noises.

Based on the play by Mr. Charles Bennett, the story retells, even to the carving-knife, the Tosca-like theme of seduction which has served film and opera so faithfully. Mr. Hitchcock, sweeping aside American traditions of speed and glamour, has given us a piece of uncompromising "cinema" whose *lentissimo* drama unfolds without any attempt to lash itself into fury. Yet it is full of doom, and rolls on with fatal deliberation to its end. While the young Chelsea artist is entertaining the tobacconist's daughter at his studio, the rhythm is so slow, the scene so artless, we never suspect the horror lying in wait behind the curtains. Thereafter the blackmail of the girl by the loafer in possession of her glove is conducted with the same mesmeric coolness, and we witness the scenes at Scotland Yard, the thrilling chase on to the roof of the British Museum, as if personal to these encounters.

This would be satisfying enough in a silent film. It gains by the director's use of sound, which calls for no display of thunder or circus swagger. During the first 10 minutes of the film not a character breaks into speech, for the story is quite able to express itself pantomimically.

Aside from these technical considerations the scene, story, and characteristics have much to recommend them. They have the freshness of truth, showing us intelligible people on lawful and dastardly occasions in such settings as the London suburbs, Chelsea, Westminster, Bloomsbury, Piccadilly, and "the Yard." Mr. Hitchcock's fondness for symbolism does not diminish and he loves the perspective of a good staircase; but his camera has an original eye.

Credit must be given to the cast, who speak and move with so sensitive a response to the story's needs. Miss Anny Ondra, whom we saw not long ago in *The Manxman*, has infinitely improved her performance, as somebody has clearly improved, if not stolen, her voice. But perhaps the most brilliant performance was that of Mr. Donald Calthrop, whose blackmailer leaves us amazed that he is not oftener seen in British films. The Elstree studios can take pride in a production which should appreciably raise the stock of our fluctuating British industry, while it is but just to add that under Mr. Hitchcock's guidance the talking film has taken a very definite step forward.

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In this, his first talking picture, Alfred Hitchcock showed himself to be a master of sound. The leading actress, Anny Ondra had little or no English so Hitchcock employed an English actress to speak the dialogue while Ondra "pantomimed" the words.

A British-owned company taking US pupils to the Continent has closed without notice, write **Harvey Elliott** and **Marianne Curphey**

Cancelled trips leave students devastated

The travel plans of more than 5,000 American students who had hoped to visit Europe on educational holidays this summer have been dashed after the sudden collapse of a British-owned tour operator.

The company — Milestone Educational Institute — which was based in Cambridge, Massachusetts closed its doors abruptly this month, stranding hundreds of youngsters who had already made the transatlantic journey and ruining the plans of thousands more throughout the United States.

Scott Harshbarger, the Massachusetts Attorney-General, has received complaints from more than 1,000 students in 27 states who had paid up to $4,000 (about £2,700). For many, the trip would have been their first journey outside America. The company, he says, had received *at least $2.4 million from the* complainants alone for the teacher-escorted trips, some of which were cancelled the night before the students were due to leave.

"When we hear of a company which is accepting payments right up to the minute it closes its doors, it suggests we may be dealing with more than innocent company failure," Mr Harshbarger says.

The FBI in Boston has launched an investigation into the affairs of the organisation and, together with Thomas Raftery, the officially appointed receiver, has searched the company's main headquarters.

Michael Heseltine, the president of the board of trade, has been asked to investigate the background of the company whose owner is Christopher DuMello Kenyon. Another of his companies, Milestone International Limited, which is not affected by the US collapse, is based in Kensington, West London.

Nigel Griffiths, the Shadow consumer affairs minister, yesterday called on the Department of Trade and Industry to begin its own enquiry, and has written to Mr Heseltine's office asking him to intervene. Mr Griffiths says: "I expect *immediate action, with the Home Office* being notified. They should make similar enquiries to ensure that consumers in this country are not at risk.

"I am concerned that the DTI is not taking action in the face of very disturbing news of Milestone's activities in America."

A US judge has frozen the company's assets in America, and the Massachusetts Attorney-General has filed a lawsuit, including charges alleging that Mr Kenyon "funnelled monies overseas". According to the Attorney-General, Mr Kenyon is believed to have "fled" to *Britain.*

Arrangements have been made to take those students who were stranded in Europe back to the United States.

The official US receiver, Thomas Raftery, of Boston-based lawyers Sherin and Lodgen, says: "I am working with the FBI, and the Attorney-Generals in Massachusetts and Missouri and I am still going through the records in Boston to see if any assets are still here.

"So far we have not found much in the way of substantial assets, and there is one secured creditor, who loaned the company money, who says he is owed £425,000.

"If his claim is upheld I doubt the students will get anything."

Milestone, which operated under the name American Leadership Study Groups, and American Educational Travel, closed down on June 3 leaving the students stranded as they were about to depart for educational tours to France and Germany.

"Pupils had been saving for months for a trip that they had really been looking forward to," says Dr Louise Stowell-Ruzicka, a French teacher of Scorlandville Magnet High School in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. "I had to call each individual student at night and break the news to them that the trip leaving the next day was cancelled. It was the worst thing I have ever had to do in 15 years of teaching. Families had really stretched themselves to afford the trip which they hoped would prove valuable to their children."

Nineteen students from the school aged between 15 and 17 had each paid at least $1,700 for the all-inclusive two-week trip to France.

The FBI confirmed this week that it had launched a full enquiry. William McMullin, a spokesman at the agency's Boston office, says: "We are investigating the financial transactions of Milestone to determine if there have been any violations of federal fraud statutes."

Mr Harshbarger says: "According to affidavits filed in court, Kenyon controlled the company's bank account and may have funnelled monies overseas.

"We are co-operating with the FBI in its investigation of Milestone, and of this potential fraud."

His assistant, Thomas Samoluk, added: "The Middlesex Superior Court in Massachusetts has ordered Milestone's assets to be frozen until the end of our enquiries.

"I am not aware of any criminal charges at present. The lawsuit is a civil one which does not carry a period of incarceration as punishment."

Toby Aldrich, who works for Milestone International Language Schools in Kensington, said he was employed by Milestone in America which was a separate company registered in the US.

"That has now folded and we have now cancelled any further planned tours from June 3. I have been told not to say anything. We are finalising operations in Europe and getting the students who are already there back home.

"It is a lot more straightforward than it might appear. It will become clear that no one has walked off with a pile of cash or anything like that.

"Mr Kenyon has certainly not disappeared. He is in Europe sorting things out at the moment and I have been in touch with him."

Milestone was not a member of the American Association of Travel Agents, the US equivalent of ABTA.

Milestone International Language Schools in Kensington arranges study stays for overseas students to learn English, and is still operating.

Additional reporting by Jeffrey Kutsner in Boston, Massachusetts

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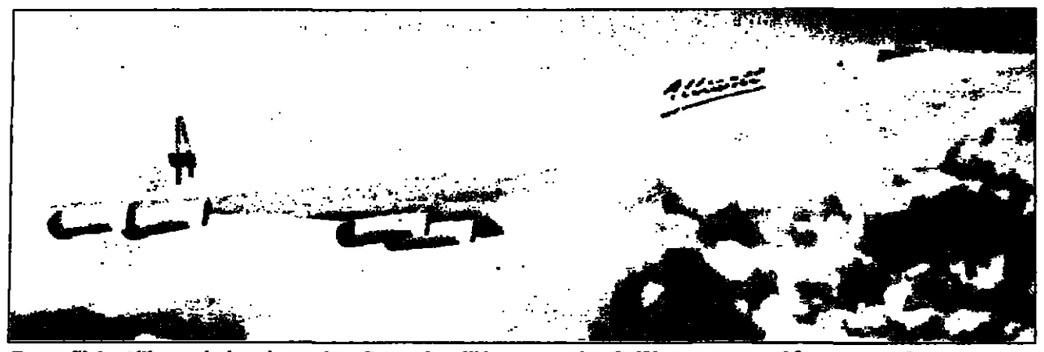

Future flight: Alliance, designed to replace Concorde, will have more than half its seats reserved for economy class passengers

A new supersonic jet now being designed to replace the aging Concorde will be able to travel twice as far and have more than half its seats reserved for economy class passengers, *Harvey Elliott writes.*

Details of the aircraft — to be called Alliance — were unveiled last week at the Paris air show but led to objections from environmentalists who fear that the jet's engines could damage the ozone layer.

Seven nations are involved in the consortium now planning the new generation of supersonic commercial transport (SCT) which could be in service by the year 2005.

Rolls-Royce and SNECMA, the British and French engine manufacturers who build Concorde's Olympus engines, are studying turbojet technologies for powering an SCT flying at 1,400mph — just faster than Concorde. They, together with Germany's MTU and Italy's Fiat-Avio, who have joined the research group, claim that the new engines they are working on would produce 90 per cent less nitrogen oxides and have much lower noise levels.

Because of the scale of the enterprise, and of the investment involved, a broad-based international co-operative was inevitable, the planemakers say. The British Aerospace-Aerospatiale accord has grown to include Deutsche Aerospace in Germany; Boeing and McDonnell-Douglas in the US; Alenia of Italy; Tupolev of Russia and a consortium of Mitsubishi, Kawasaki and Fuji.

Exploratory surveys of the potential market for the superjet have been completed, says Elie Khaski, the man in charge of the programme at Aerospatiale. Estimates of the numbers needed vary from 100 to as many as 2,000, but most expect the total market to be no more than 500.

The range of Alliance, with a fuel burn half that of Concorde, will be 6,850 miles — compared with Concorde's 3,500 miles. Concorde takes 3½ hours to fly from London or Paris to New York, half the time taken by jumbo jets and other subsonic airliners.

Ten per cent of seats in Alliance are planned for first class travellers, 30 per cent for club passengers, and 60 per cent for economy tickets. There will be surcharges of between 10 and 20 per cent, compared with corresponding fares for the three classes in subsonic jetliners.

Mr Khaski says: "If we want to make a commercial success of the follow-on to Concorde it is very important that Alliance be accessible to all classes of passengers . . . not just first class passengers prepared to pay high fares in order to halve flight times."

Dr Leonie Archer, research fellow at the Oxford Institute for Energy Studies, warns in the journal of Transport 2000, however, that the release of nitrous oxides in the upper atmosphere by so many supersonic aircraft would destroy high level ozone and allow increased ultraviolet radiation to reach Earth.

Manufacturers are aware of the problems. "We are not going to touch this in the final development stage unless we are sure it is environmentally sensitive," says Samuel Gilkey, programme manager at General Electric, which is working on a similar engine project with Pratt & Whitney in America.

Heathrow plans world domination

Transfer facilities and times are being improved as the airport aims to make itself the leading aviation hub

Work is about to start on a £65 million flight connection centre as part of a determined attempt to turn Heathrow airport into the aviation hub of the world.

A third of Heathrow's 45.5 million passengers use the airport to change planes, but, until now, they have been poorly served in making the transfer. The airport authorities aim to prevent Heathrow from being overtaken by Frankfurt, Amsterdam or Paris by providing transfer passengers with their own building where they can wait for connecting flights.

The building was planned by Janis Kong, BAA's former general manager of Terminal 4, and Kate Jenkins, of British Airways, who were asked 18 months ago to solve the problem.

"It was quickly clear that transfers were an essential competitive tool between airports," Mrs Kong says. "Each airport works on minimum connecting times — MCTs — and though Heathrow MCTs vary between 45 minutes within Terminal 1 itself to 90 minutes between Terminal 3 and Terminal 4, we had to make sure that not only were the connecting times short but that passengers could be certain of making them on time and in comfort.

"They needed rest areas, a place where the children could romp about, a work area and showers where they could get over what for many could be a long flight across time zones before going off to catch their next flight."

The first phase of the centre will be ready by next October and completed by autumn 1995. The building work alone for the centre cost £20 million, and the centre will be built between Terminal 1 and Queen's Building.

The other £45 million will be spent on a new baggage system and a departure lounge with a big shopping area to encourage waiting passengers to spend their money.

In the past three years, the number of people making transfers has risen from 22 per cent to 30 per cent of Heathrow's passengers.

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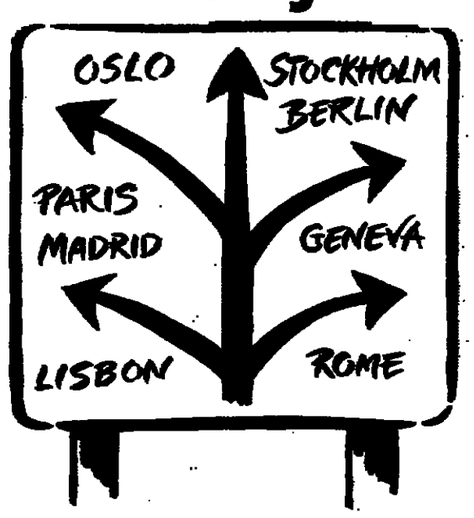

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☐ MOUNTAIN walking and white water rafting in Nepal are on offer in the Walking Adventures brochure from Guerba Expeditions (0373 858956). The first 16-day "Annapurna Explorer" departs on September 19 at a cost of £1,670 per person from Gatwick.

☐ PRICES at the Jalousie plantation, St Lucia, have been reduced by £185 per couple for a seven-night stay, and by £370 per couple for a 14-night stay. The starting price for seven nights is £2,430 per couple and for 14 nights is £4,054. The offer from Silk Cut Travel (0730 265211) is valid until December 18.

Country house in Venice

Michael Heseltine, the president of the board of trade, suffered his heart attack in one of the world's most exclusive hotels, whose regular guests include former President Reagan, the Duke and Duchess of York, Elizabeth Taylor and Sir James Goldsmith, *Harvey Elliott writes.*

The hotel Cipriani, completed in 1958 by restaurateur Giuseppi Cipriani, has the atmosphere of a secluded country house. Prices range from £180 a night for a single room to £1,013 for a suite, plus 19 per cent VAT.

The hotel, which opens only between March and November, is set in its own lush gardens on the island of Giudecca and has 94 lavishly decorated rooms overlooking San Giorgio island, the Casanova Garden or the lagoon. A private motorboat service makes the five-minute crossing to and from St Mark's Square 24 hours a day and sports facilities include tennis court and Olympic-sized swimming pool.

The restaurant, which overlooks the lagoon, specialises in Venetian dishes and claims to have invented carpaccio (very thin slices of raw filler beef).

Alongside the Cipriani is the Palazzo Vendramin, an elegantly restored 15th-century palace which provides apartments (decorated by Fortuny) with a personal butler and access to the hotel's facilities. Both are owned by Orient Express Hotels (071-620 000

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Brussels sprouts a new market

As Belgium takes over the EC hotseat, tourism gets a boost, reports **David Churchill**

When Belgium takes over the presidency of the European Community next month it will ensure that Brussels — already effectively the capital city of Europe — gets even more media exposure as the future of the EC, post-Maastricht, is debated.

Yet Brussels, for so long viewed as just a boring business destination, is already attracting a new generation of weekend visitors from Britain who are discovering the city's cultural and gastronomic delights for the first time.

Specialist tour operators, such as Travelscene and Crystal Holidays, report that demand for holidays to the Belgian capital is at least 20 per cent ahead of last year. The Belgian Travel Service, the largest tour operator to the country, puts the increase in bookings to Brussels at about 50 per cent ahead of 1992.

Brussels is reaping the benefit of a surge in interest in all things Belgian, from pop music (Virgin has recently opened recording studios there) to more classic forms of culture — Antwerp is this year's European City of Culture. Belgian food and drink, especially the beer, is increasingly fashionable.

Hoteliers in Brussels have belatedly woken up to the fact that Europe's bureaucrats do not hang around at weekends. Thus the five-star luxury hotels lie idle between Friday night and Sunday evening. "There are very good deals available from hoteliers for weekenders to Brussels," says Alan Betty, product director for Crystal Holidays. "We can offer rooms in luxury hotels over the weekend at prices that would get only a moderate hotel room elsewhere."

The newly opened five-star Conrad Hotel, in the fashionable Avenue Louise, is offering a weekend room rate of £120 a night (including continental breakfast) at 30 per cent below weekday rates.

Such deals are being extended in some cases to weekday rates for the next three months, when the European Commission and business activity grinds to a standstill for the summer. Travelscene, for example, has discounts of up to 15 per cent off some Brussels holidays at present. Time Off, a rival operator, offers a two-night stay at the luxury SAS hotel for £159 a person until the end of June — a saving of £10.

Hoteliers are also putting together their own weekend packages. The Conrad offer includes a visit to Victor Horta's house where the art nouveau style was born, followed by a look at the art deco buildings of the 1930s as typified by the home of David and Alice Van Buuren, the couple who played host to the European élite of the time.

Other packages include a visit to the escargot and foie gras farms outside the city. Prices for these packages, including hotel accommodation, start at about £170 person for two nights.

The culinary attractions of Brussels are one of its key strengths: restaurants there have more Michelin stars per capita between them than Paris — a fact more probably influenced by EC expense accounts than anything else. But, as Tony Schulz, general manager of the Belgian Travel Service, says, "Remember that all the Eurocrats have gone home at weekends, so the restaurants are full of true gastronomes."

Brussels has a lot more to offer weekenders — from the infamous Manneken Pis statue to the ornate market square of the Grand Place and the guild houses that surround it. Followers of Hergé's Tintin can also see the original artwork in the Comic Museum, while the Atomium, a model of a molecule enlarged 165 billion times and built for the 1958 World's Fair — offers a panoramic view of the city.

Brussels attracts more Britons from the regions than most other European cities. "A third of our customers for Brussels come from the north of England and this is mainly due to the availability of direct flights from their local airports," says Mr Betty.

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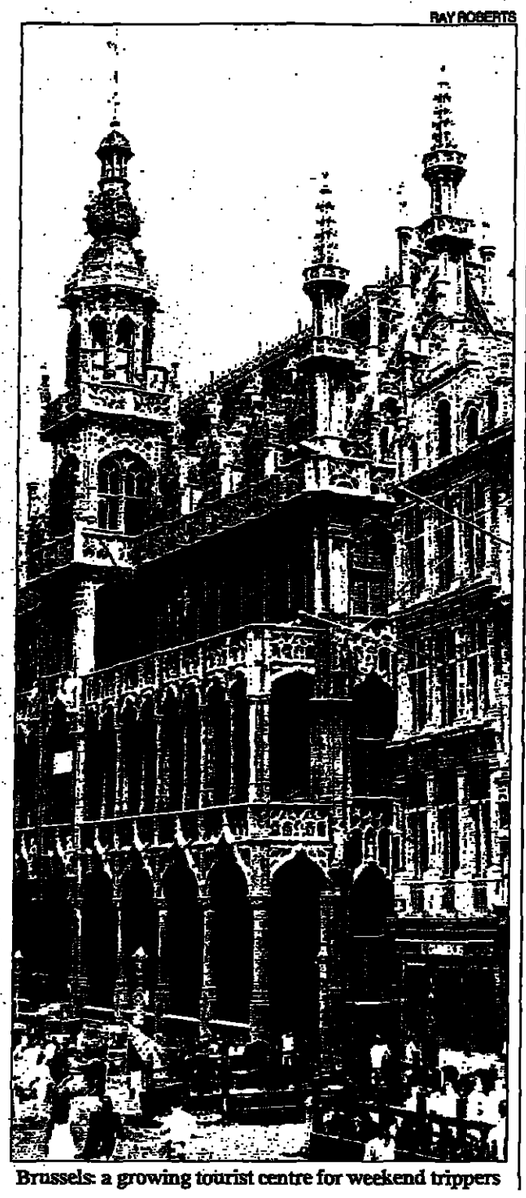


Brussels: a growing tourist centre for weekend trippers

Will video kill business trips?

Video-conferences could transform the travel industry's outlook

Although most business travellers continue to clamber aboard planes and trains to clinch deals and discuss corporate strategy in person, an increasing number are shunning the check-ins, customs checks and jet lag in favour of big-screen link-ups with colleagues and clients.

According to a survey published today, worries about terrorist threats during the Gulf war and airline delays caused 90 per cent of 400 frequent business travellers questioned to say that video-conferencing offers a "viable alternative to some or many instances" of traditional travel.

Neil MacArthur, of Industry Direct Research, which carried out the survey, says it is a phenomenon which the airlines, the operators of the Channel tunnel and officials at the transport department will ignore at their peril.

"Business travellers contribute a disproportionately large amount of revenue to airlines, which helps to fund other passengers," Mr MacArthur says. "Yet the revenue forecasts for London City airport and Stansted, Heathrow Terminal 5, the Channel tunnel, transatlantic air travel and British Rail's privatisation prospects, do not consider the impact of video-conferencing."

Almost 80 per cent of those questioned for the survey said that journeys could be saved this year; about a third of respondents believe 10 per cent of their travel could be cut in favour of video-conferencing by next year. Most of those questioned for the survey believe that the technology's impact will be greatest on the highly competitive transatlantic route, followed by European airline routes, travel within Britain, and then on travel to and from the Far East.

Video-conferencing companies claim that the trend to the technology is likely to continue as the cost of equipment and call charges fall.

Five years ago, the cost of setting up a video-conferencing studio at an office was about £100,000. Now the equipment costs between £20,000 and £25,000, and sound and vision calls are charged at £20 an hour within Britain, and £150 an hour transatlantic.

Tim Duffy, a general manager with PictureTel, a company offering video-conferencing and which numbers Shell, Price Waterhouse, Norwich Union and Caterpillar among converts, says: "This year we and other companies will be offering a system that allows you to hold a video-conference for about £5,000, which will further increase the potential for mass-market uptake."

Full details of the research will be discussed at a meeting — the Impact of Video-conferencing and Multi Media on the Business Travel Industry — to be held next week in Slough, Berkshire, hosted by Sony and PictureTel.

NICK NUTTALL

TRAVELOGS

Smoke ban takes off

BRITISH Airways will start its North Atlantic non-smoking trials from September 1 on one of its two daily Boeing 747 flights to and from both Los Angeles and San Francisco.

For the next three months, the first service on each route in each direction will be entirely non-smoking. An alternative later service will continue to offer smoking and non-smoking seats.

A trial held on the first of two daily flights from Hong Kong to London in the spring was so popular that the flight, BA 028, will remain non-smoking. Similar trials start from September 1 on BA 027, one of two daily London-Hong Kong services. Until now, BA's only other smoking-free flights have been wholly within the UK.

Out of towners

LONDON for the Motorist breaks are available for visitors who prefer to avoid city centre traffic by staying in a hotel in a London suburb.

Rainbow Holidays (0904 643 355) is offering bed and breakfast in three-star hotels in Bexleyheath, Ealing, Enfield, Richmond, Ruislip, and Waltham Abbey, costing from £26 a night.

The Scandic Crown Hotel in Docklands charges from £35 for bed and breakfast, including use of the leisure club and pool. Each location has free parking and all are within a few miles of an Underground or British Rail station, and within 40 minutes of the centre.

Break time

SWALLOW Hotels (091 529 4666) has extended the range of its 48-hour or longer Breakaway tariffs. During July and August, there is availability throughout the week at 34 hotels.

Prices for two nights half-board, including lunch, are from £80 a person. Up to two children under 14 sharing a room with their parents may stay free. Some hotels also offer free admission to theme parks, museums, steam railways and historic properties. A five-night stay at the four-star Swallow hotel, Northampton, in July and August, including a free hot-air balloon flight, costs £280 a person half-board.

Irish fling

VISA International credit cards and the Irish Tourist Board have joined forces to launch the Ireland Welcomes Visa promotion, offering visitors discounts and free gifts in the country during 1993. About 90 merchants and outlets are participating.

Holidaymakers will receive voucher books for discounts at hotels, restaurants, shops and car-rental outlets through the tourist board and Aer Lingus offices.

China tour

CULTURAL Tours Ltd (071-636 7906) has a new 18-day China Study Tour departing September 9 and November 4, which features a five-day seminar, at the lakeside resort of Hangzhou, on contemporary and traditional China. The £1,620 programme includes sightseeing at Peking, the Great Wall, the Ming tombs, Shanghai and Guangzhou.

Travel News is edited by Harvey Elliott

Lucknam Park is in the news

Home from home

FEW country house hotels find themselves in the national news twice in one year. This, however, has been the fate, or good fortune, of Lucknam Park, *Jack Crossley writes*.

A small luxury hotel near Bath, it reports 86 per cent occupancy rates and bookings up to and beyond Christmas. It is celebrating its fifth anniversary this month, having won a Michelin star and in 1991 the hotel of the year award; it has a chance of repeating that performance this year.

It has survived the controversy when the BBC chose this former family mansion for a conference on how to spend what would remain of the licence money after they had paid the hotel bill. And it expects to survive a fiercer test next month when Raine, the Countess Spencer, stepmother to the Princess of Wales, holds her wedding reception there.

In between these glittering events, Lucknam Park (0225 742777) manages to provide a taste of luxury while still allowing ordinary mortals to behave like ordinary mortals. The aim is to make you feel that you are in your own country home. It is like being Bertie Wooster, having Jeeves on hand at all times.

It also offers ballooning, clay pigeon shooting, saunas, a heated swimming pool riding, golf... Just like home.

Country house: Lucknam Park gives Jeeves-style service

Child discount in Caribbean

Careful comparison of prices and a little flexibilty could pay dividends for families who still have to organise their summer break this year, *Marianne Curphey writes*.

Tour operators are wooing holidaymakers with a myriad of special offers to beat the effects of recession. One of the surprising results is that it could now cost less for a family of four to take a two-week all-inclusive holiday in the Caribbean than to stay at a comparable resort in the Mediterranean.

A family offer from Elegant Resorts (0244-329671), for example, allows a couple with two children under 12, both of whom would fly free, to spend 14 nights in a five-star hotel in Barbados this summer for a total price of £4,520, inclusive of scheduled flights from Heathrow and half-board accomodation.

If the parents are also prepared to do self-catering or eat out there is a further reduction of £40 an adult a day so that a family of four could stay at Settlers Beach on the island's St James's Coast, in a two-bedroom/two-bathroom waterfront villa for a total outlay of £3,400. By comparison, a waterfront deluxe bungalow in Crete at the Elounda Beach Hotel, being offered through Best of Greece (071-255-2320) would cost the same family £6,396.

The accommodation consists of one bedroom, one bathroom and sitting room with foldaway beds. Obligatory half-board is included. The price, including scheduled flights from Heathrow and transfers, is £2,363 for each adult and £835 for each child until July 19. It is that additional child cost that pushes the total bill above that for a similar holiday in the Caribbean.

In another example of how an exclusive holiday in the Mediterranean can cost more than its equivalent in the Caribbean, Club Med charges a family of four £5,764 for two weeks in the Algarve, Portugal, at the Club Med village of Da Balaia, 30 minutes from Faro. The cost of a two-week holiday for each adult is £1,618 — but when the £1,264 price for each child is added, suddenly the Caribbean becomes the cheaper option.

Watch out, therefore, for the small print and the extra charges, which could cost thousands.

An island long popular with Britons is switching tactics

Corfu plays the culture card

The Greek island of Corfu is trying to rid itself of its lager lout image by cracking down on the hooligan tourists whose violence and drunken antics have damaged its holiday reputation.

A combination of more active policing, raising prices in some of the bars and stricter control of late-night music in certain areas is leading the tourist authorities to believe they may have "coralled" much of the troublesome faction, many of them British, into the area of Kavos in the south of the island.

One area that appears to have benefited is the coastal town of Benitses, which residents say had become virtually a no-go area late at night. Drunken young Britons lying prone on the road or smashing up bars were not uncommon. Although the strip of bars and tavernas clearly still aims its garish message of hedonism at the young British tourist, local residents have seen some improvement.

One of those keen to change Corfu's image is Paul Rizos, aged 37, the entrepreneur head of a family business that owns four hotels on the island, as well as a hotel in California.

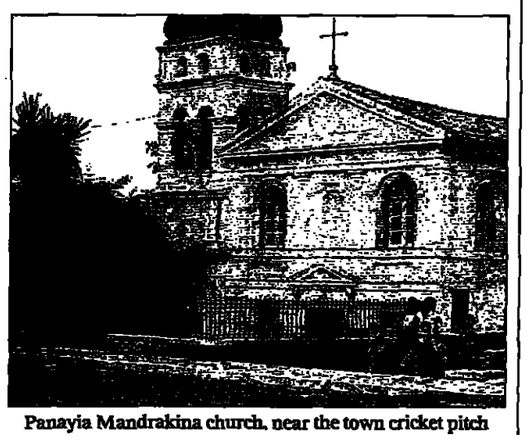
Mr Rizos, a passionate advocate of Corfu history and culture, has just unveiled a new £6 million hotel complex for his group called the Corfu Plaza at the Agios Georgios beach on the island's south-west coast. With 150 apartments, it has been built to operate to Thomson Holiday "Sun" specifications. It was officially opened only two weeks ago.

"About 300,000 British tourists visit every year," he says. "We want people to appreciate the history, culture and beauty as well as the sun and the beaches. The hooligans give us a bad reputation."

The capital of Corfu, with its forts and palaces does, possess a certain dishevelled grandeur. The old town is a warren of narrow streets that can spring surprises such as the darkly beautiful Church of St Spiridom, housing the mummified body of the saint, and the Venetian Well bistro run by the English-born Caroline Kontopoulos and her husband Spiro. A legacy of the British, like the impressive Palace of Saints Michael & George, is the cricket still played in whites, on the green, but with an injection of local passion.

Greece will take over the European Community presidency in January. The prime ministerial summit next June, to be held on Corfu, seems to have added urgency to government attempts to meld a new image for the island.

JOHN WELLMAN



Panayia Mandrakina church, near the town cricket pitch

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NEWS

Fate of Mates left to backbenchers

■ John Major placed the fate of Michael Mates firmly in the hands of his MPs as he and his officials flatly refused to confirm that the besieged Northern Ireland minister enjoyed his full confidence.

Two meetings of Tory MPs tonight are likely to settle the future of the minister who has made it plain that he will not resign over links with Asil Nadir..... **Pages 1, 11, 18**

Arms ban on Bosnia Muslims stays

■ In an attempt to bolster peace talks under way in Geneva, Europe and America retreated from any move to arm Bosnia's Muslims. John Major added to the pressure on Bosnia's protagonists to reach an agreement when he hinted that United Nations and European Community sanctions could be extended to Croatia ..... **Pages 1, 15**

Mid-air deaths

Two men were killed when their helicopter and a low-flying RAF Tornado jet collided in mid-air over the Lake District.The Tornado made an emergency landing at the British Aerospace airfield at Warton, Lancashire ..... **Page 2**

Harefield reprieve

Harefield hospital, west London, the world's largest heart transplant centre, won a temporary reprieve from the health secretary, Virginia Bottomley, after it was recommended for closure in an official report. She said she did not see any prospect of its moving **Page6 1, 7**

Rosyth bid fails

Ministers decided to ignore a last-minute bid from Rosyth for the Trident submarine refit contract, although the offer cut the cost by £70 million. The new bid will not be discussed when the cabinet meets today ... **Pages 1, 2**

Anglicans look east

Up to 22 dissident Anglican clergy plan to leave the Church of England and join one of the independent Orthodox churches based mainly in eastern Europe. The priests, who met in Birmingham to discuss the plan, will each take up to 60 parishioners..... **Page 2**

Death driver jailed

An unemployed barmaid whose drunken driving caused the death of a young mother and her unborn baby was jailed for three- and-a-half years ... **Page 3**

Cleaner beaches

Britain has won praise from the European Commission for tackling pollution at beaches after years of being dubbed the dirty man of Europe. A report on the quality of bathing water showed a 3 per cent increase in the number of beaches to pass pollution tests ..... **Page 9**

Japan's new party

Japanese voters, who go to the polls next month, have a second new political party in the space of three days, after 44 defectors from the ruling Liberal Democrats announced the formation of a new group promising political reform ..... **Page 13**

Somalis killed

Eight Somalis died in an attack on the UN compound in Mogadishu in a battle which has confirmed fears that the warlords' militia, faced with a threat to their rule, are able to counter-attack ..... **Page 12**

Mandela offer

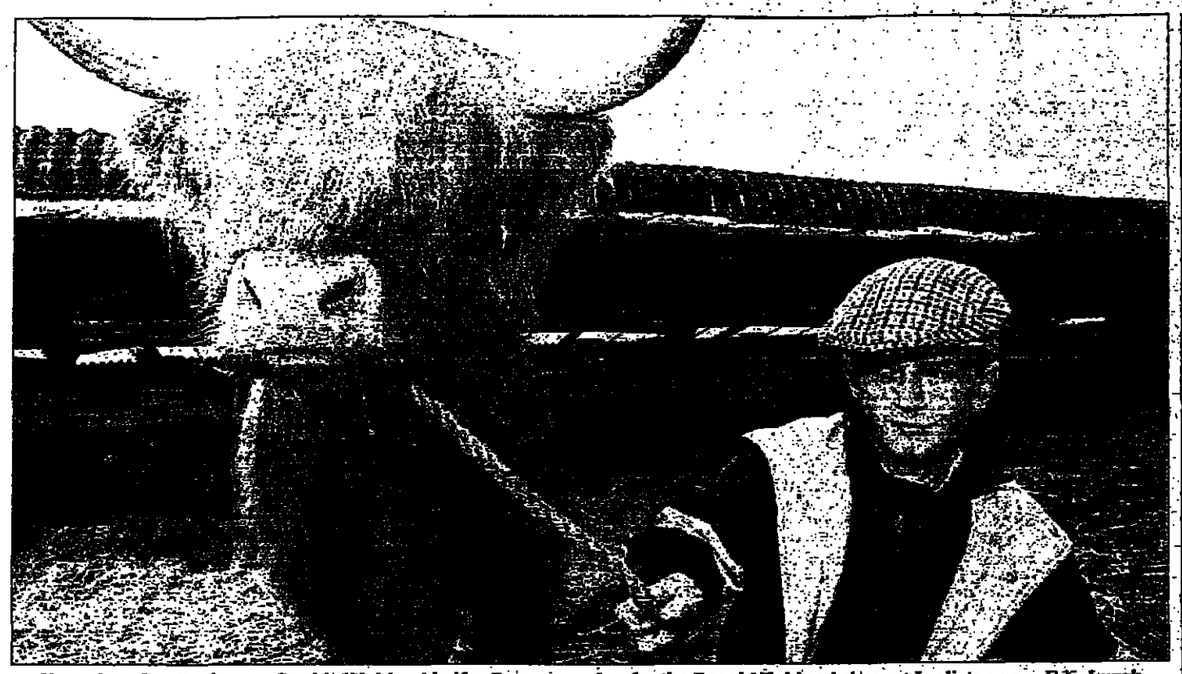
Nelson Mandela, president of the African National Congress, has proposed to Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi of the Inkatha Freedom Party that the two should appear together at rallies to try to bring peace to stife-torn areas ..... **Page 12**

Mafia crackdown

Italian police have arrested more than 160 people in a massive anti-Mafia operation based in the southern province of Calabria ..... **Page 14**

Junk collection? Not in his backyard

■ Kenneth Waldo Emerson, great-great-great grandnephew of the American essayist, lives on a 17-acre plot in Maine, collects bits of bicycles, wheelbarrows and cars, and had as little as possible to do with the outside world until he was fined for having an illegal junkyard. Now he is fighting back and is seen as a symbol of US self-reliance ..... **Page 15**



Show time: Ian Buchanan, 8, with Highland heifer Ceat, preparing for the Royal Highland show at Ingliston near Edinburgh

BUSINESS

Pub deal: Britain's second biggest independent pub estate will emerge following a £204 million agreed bid from Greenalls Group for JA Devenish ..... **Page 25**

Lloyd's fears: Losses at Lloyd's of London may exceed £2.9 billion, with two out of every five syndicates leaving their 1990 underwriting year open ..... **Page 25**

Markets: Sterling and shares fell as markets took a cautious view of prospects. The FT-SE 100 index closed down 6.9 at 2,900.7 after relinquishing a 9.4 point gain in earlier trading. The pound ended the day at $1.4758, down .74 cents, and at DM2.4960, down .51 pfennigs ..... **Page 28**

SPORT

Rugby Union: Doubts over the fitness of captain Gavin Hastings and Dean Richards has forced the British Lions management to delay the announcement of the team for the second international with New Zealand on Saturday..... **Page 42**

Cricket: Australians have always been enthusiastic about blooding youngsters early in the Test match arena. Michael Henderson suggests England should follow their lead ..... **Page 43**

Tennis: Top seeds Steffi Graf and Pete Sampras put their recent injury problems behind them to record straight set victories at Wimbledon. Defending champion Andre Agassi also won ..... **Pages 46, 48**

FEATURES

Awful warning: Overdosed on paradise, British exiles either become bitter or so obsessed with sex that they fail to notice that the blonde they are groping is making notes for a rude bestseller. Libby Purves on life in heaven..... **Page 16**

Amorous intentions: In Alan Clark's diaries, it is a self-disclosure of his libertinage that has caught the public imagination. Dr James Le Fanu reports..... **Page 17**

TRAVEL NEWS

Fast mover: A new supersonic jet will have more than half its seats reserved for economy class passengers..... **Page 22**

ARTS

Back in business: Sylvester Stallone's latest film, *Cliffhanger*, fires the first salvo in the summer blockbuster war and it's not all that bad ..... **Page 37**

Not all right on the night: Glyndebourne's concert performances of *Fidelio* got off to a bad start. First Klaus Tennstedt withdrew; then management ran through four Leonores. No wonder the first performance was not a howling success ..... **Page 38**

Mining the past: Poet and playwright Derek Walcott has added his own twist to the trend of throwing light on the present by turning to the past with a bravura reworking of Homer's *Odyssey* ... **Page 39**

PEOPLE IN THE TIMES

Jean-Marie le Pen is planning a conference of his right-wing group of European parliament MPs in Edinburgh
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Clive Soley, the Labour MP, was cautious yesterday in his interviews about alleged Conservative dealings with Saudi Arabia
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Britain's Andrew Foster won through to the third round of the men's singles at Wimbledon when he beat Luis Herrera of Mexico
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TOMORROW IN THE TIMES

Anyone for a long queue?

■ Are you aching to get tennis neck at Wimbledon? Clement Freud joins in the queue of thousands waiting to get in

Enjoying the summer view

■ Richard Cork sees the ideal summer show: a glorious display of British landscape painting in the 20th century

Game with an age warning

■ Has a new computer game, given a 15 rating by the British Board of Film Classification, created an impossible precedent?

TV LISTINGS

The Travel Show returns at 8.30pm on BBC2 with warts-and-all reports on resorts and a "Moan Line" in which viewers can complain about holiday nightmares ..... **Page 47**

OPINION

Point of the scalpel

The six specialty reviews on London's health care published yesterday bring the much-needed reforms recommended last year by Sir Bernard Tomlinson a step closer. It is more important than ever that Mrs Bottomley present the rationalisation programme persuasively ..... **Page 19**

Nigerian Follies

Nigeria's military council has just earned another entry in the Guinness Book of Records. Yesterday's decree annulling the June 12 presidential election "to protect our legal system from being ridiculed and politicised" qualifies for a prize for the most original, if not the most cynical, excuse for cheating voters of their rights ..... **Page 19**

Food for the spirit

Libraries, because they are dedicated to an individual rather than a collective recreation, are peculiarly vulnerable to philistine attack.Just how vulnerable becomes clear with a report published yesterday on the future of the public library service ..... **Page 19**

COLUMNS

WILLIAM REES-MOGG

At the next election, the choice will probably be between three Liberal parties: Lib-Con, Lib-Lab and Lib-Dem. None of these three will have convincing answers to the economic questions — they did not at the last election and are unlikely to have found them by the next ..... **Page 18**

PHILIP HOWARD

Lo, man whom We made in Our Own image is creating an *epic television series* of all the books of our Old Testament, from Aaron even unto Zophar, lasting three days and three nights..... **Page 18**

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A move from London to Canterbury is suggested for St Thomas's Hospital..... **Page 19**

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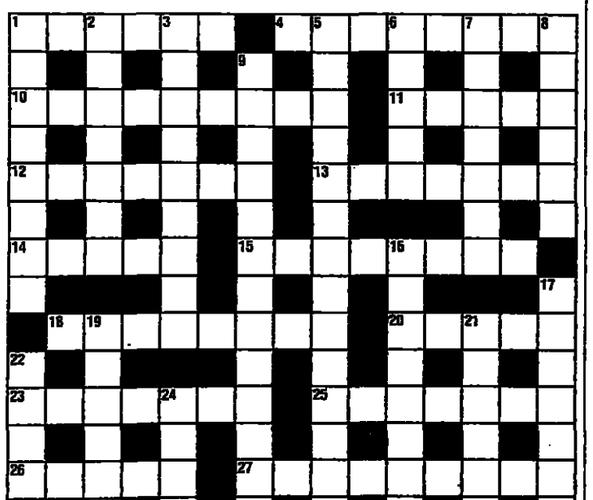

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1 Element son has no liking for (6).
4 Inspiration from a female deflated us (8).
10 Admiral concealing plunder for explorer (9).
11 Small carriage carrying one old man of Paris (5).
12 One to spurn from a society angle (7).
13 It brings money in large measure to last in scheme (7).
14 Head off legal nasty (5).
15 As stimulant, you'll find rum fine, in restaurant (8).
18 Dramatist's dismissal after intervention of clergyman (8).
20 Look into firm's capital (5).
23 Country with *lac* is in this state (7).
25 Glove-maker cheats relatives (7).
26 Use a mask in audition (5).
27 Corrupt squire out to get gemstone (9).
28 Usual charge for old bicycle (8).
29 Properly speaking, a formal procedure (6).

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1 Flatter in silly TV programme (4-4).
2 Decline to go to sleep (4-3).
3 Become dispirited after marriage? That's standard (5,4).
5 Criminal beginners aim to put in opening bids (5,9).
6 Learner taught at home makes a bloomer (5).
7 Getting into university tricky without it? (7).
8 Pleasant season for a supporter (6).
9 Card-player (9,5).
16 Counter of votes, say, in government department (9).
17 Gloomy, wanting signal that bar's opening (8).
19 Experienced type replaced in reshuffle? (3,4).
21 Popular monarch accepting Liberal suggestion (7).
22 Does she give the old man a verbal attack? (6).
24 Whacked some small infants (3,2).

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TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.27	2.07
Austria Sch	18.60	17.10
Belgium Fr	54.40	50.00
Canada $	2.01	1.85
Denmark Kr	10.16	9.36
Finland Mrk	8.97	8.17
France Fr	8.88	8.18
Germany Dm	2.535	2.435
Greece Dr	357.00	332.00
Hong Kong $	12.10	11.10
Ireland Pt	1.07	0.99
Italy Lira	2335.00	2190.00
Japan Yen	179.50	160.50
Netherlands Gld	2.965	2.735
Norway Kr	11.13	10.33
Portugal Esc	247.50	229.50
South Africa Rd	6.00	5.20
Spain Pta	196.00	183.00
Sweden Kr	11.90	11.10
Switzerland Fr	2.35	2.17
Turkey Lira	16000.0	15000.0
USA $	1.572	1.442

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

WEATHER

Northeast Scotland will have a cloudy day with the chance of showers. The rest of Scotland and Northern Ireland should stay mainly dry and bright with some sunshine. It should also be dry and bright for much of England and Wales, although the odd shower is possible over eastern counties. It will be a cool day, especially in the north and east. Outlook: cool, with rain possible in western and central areas.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sunny; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	25	77	s	Luxor	41	106	s
Akrotiri	34	93	s	Madrid	24	75	f
Alex'dria	27	81s		Majorca	29	84	s
Algiers	27	81	s	Malaga	30	86	f
Amst'dm	16	61	f	Malta	27	81	s
Athens	28	82	s	Melb'rne	11	52	f
Bahrain	37	99	s	Miami*	32	90	f
Bangkok	33	91	f	Milan	24	75	f
Barbados*	28	82	r	Moscow	17	63	c
Barcelna	24	75	f	Munich	18	66	f
Beirut	31	88	s	Nairobi	22	72	c
Belgrade	25	95	c	Naples	29	84	s
Berlin	18	64	c	N Delhi	36	95	f
Bermuda*	27	81	s	N York*	26	82	s
Biarritz	20	68	f	Nice	24	75	f
Borde'x	22	72	f	Oslo	17	63	f
Brussels	17	63	c	Paris	17	63	f
Budapst	30	86	f	Peking	33	91	c
B Aires*	13	55	c	Perth	17	63	s
Cairo	34	93	s	Prague	14	57	r
Cape Tn	17	63	s	Reykjavik	11	52	s
Chicago*	30	86	s	Rhodes	27	81	s
Ch'church	11	52	s	Rio de J*	30	86	s
Cologne	19	66	c	Riyadh	39	102	s
C'phagn	14	57	f	Rome	26	79	f
Corfu	27	81	s	Salzburg	18	64	r
Dublin	15	59	c	S F'isco*	19	66	s
Dubrovnik	30	86	s	Santiago*	13	55	f
Faro	22	72	s	Seoul	25	77	c
Florence	27	81	f	Sing'por	30	86	f
Frankfurt	22	72	f	St'kholm	15	59	f
Funchal	23	73	c	Strash'rg	23	73	f
Geneva	26	79	f	Sydney	18	64	f
Gibraltar	25	77	s	Tangier	22	72	f
Helsinki	14	57	r	Tel Aviv	34	93	s
Hong K	31	88	s	Tenerife	25	77	s
Innsbrck	16	61	r	Tokyo	20	68	r
Istanbul	29	84	s	Toronto*	21	70	s
Jeddah	36	97	s	Tunis	27	81	s
Jo'burg*	19	66	s	Valencia	30	86	f
Karachi	35	95	f	Vanc'ver*	14	57	c
L Palmas	24	75	s	Venice	27	81	s
Le Touq't	16	61	f	Vienna	22	72	c
Lisbon	20	68	c	Warsaw	15	59	r
Locarno	22	72	c	Wash'ton*	29	84	s
L Angels*	23	73	s	Wel'ton	14	57	s
Luxembg	19	66	c	Zurich	18	64	r

* Denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 19C (66F); min 6pm to 6am, 12C (54F) Humidity 6pm, 48 per cent. Rain 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 5.4hr. Bar. mean sea level, 6pm, 1,017.2 millibars, steady
1,000 millibars = 29.53in

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Sandown, 21C (70F) lowest day max: Lerwick, 10C (50F); highest rainfall Kirkwall, 0.40in; highest sunshine Jersey, 14.7hr

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 18C (64F); min 6pm to 6am, 8C (46F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 8.5hr

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	0.4	0.04	12	54	rain
Anglesey	6.9	-	15	59	sunny
Belfast	10.5	-	16	61	sunny
Birmingham	5.6	-	19	66	bright
Bognor Regis	9.8	-	20	68	bright
Bournemouth	9.7	-	20	68	bright
Bristol	9.2	-	19	66	bright
Cardiff	5.6	-	17	63	bright
Clacton	5.6	-	18	64	sunny
Eastbourne	11.0	-	18	64	bright
Edinburgh	2.5	-	14	57	cloudy
Falmouth	8.0	-	19	66	bright
Folkestone	11.2	-	18	64	sunny
Glasgow	4.2	-	17	63	bright
Guernsey	13.5	-	17	63	sunny
Hastings	8.1	-	18	64	bright
Isle of Man	10.1	-	18	51	sunny
Jersey	14.7	-	19	66	sunny
Leeds	3.4	-	16	66	cloudy
Lerwick	3.5	0.01	10	50	shower
Littlehampton	11.7	-	19	66	sunny
Liverpool	9.0	0.02	15	59	shower
London	4.9	-	19	66	bright
Lowestoft	5.2	-	17	63	cloudy
Manchester	7.4	-	18	64	sunny
Margate	12.6	-	17	63	sunny
Newcastle	2.0	0.02	15	59	sunny
Newquay	13.0	-	17	63	sunny
Penzance	11.4	-	20	68	sunny
Plymouth	6.8	-	18	64	bright
Poole	9.8	-	19	66	bright
Scarcombe	7.0	-	18	64	bright
Sandown	9.2	-	21	70	sunny
Seaton Snd	7.2	-	17	63	sunny
Scilly Isles	11.5	-	17	63	sunny
Swanage	7.6	-	19	66	bright
Teignmouth	10.1	-	19	66	sunny
Tenby	11.8	-	18	64	sunny
Tiree	10.3	0.02	13	55	sunny
Torquay	11.8	-	19	66	sunny
Weymouth	9.4	-	20	68	sunny
Wick	2.7	0.15	11	52	bright
Worthing	9.1	-	20	68	bright

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 9.52 pm to 4.14 am
Bristol 10.01 pm to 4.24 am
Edinburgh 10.39 pm to 3.57 am
Manchester 10.12 pm to 4.10 am
Penzance 10.06 pm to 4.43 am

Sun rises: 4.44 am — Sun sets: 9.22 pm
Moon rises: 10.12 am — Moon sets: 11.35 pm
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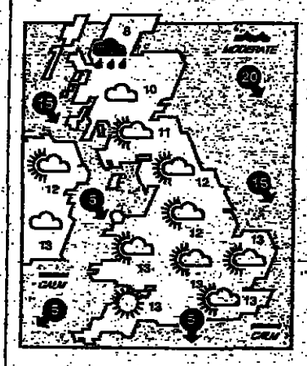
YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c=cloud, f=fair, r=rain, s=sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	13	55	c	Guernsey	17	63	s
B'mgham	16	61	c	Inverness	13	55	r
Blackpool	15	59	f	Jersey	20	68	s
Bristol	18	64	f	London	16	61	f
Cardiff	16	64	s	M'chester	15	59	s
Edinburgh	15	59	f	Newcastle	10	50	r
Glasgow	16	61	f	P'ntilloy	14	57	f

SUN



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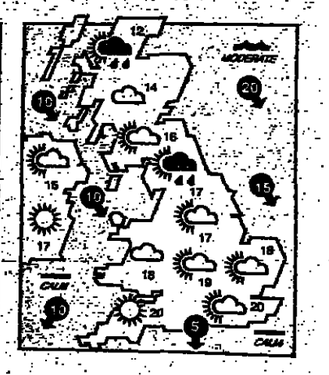

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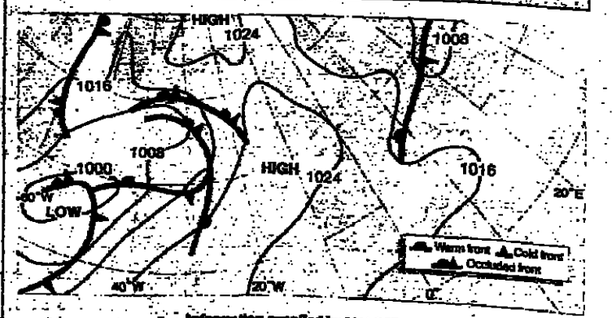
HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.31	7.3	5.45	7.0	Liverpool	2.42	9.3	3.09	9.0
Aberdeen	4.49	4.2	5.33	4.0	Lowestoft	1.07	2.3	1.03	2.5
Avonmouth	11.06	12.7	11.23	12.8	Margate	3.40	4.7	3.51	4.7
Belfast	2.30	3.5	3.01	3.1	Milford Haven	10.03	6.6	10.23	6.7
Cardiff	10.51	11.7	11.06	11.8	Newquay	8.56	8.8	9.15	8.8
Devonport	8.38	5.0	8.50	5.3	Oban	8.36	3.5	9.40	3.7
Dover	2.31	6.4	3.01	6.5	Penzance	8.44	5.1	8.56	5.4
Falmouth	9.05	4.8	9.20	5.1	Portland	10.39	1.9	10.49	2.0
Glasgow	4.19	4.9	5.07	4.5	Portsmouth	2.42	4.6	3.18	4.6
Harwich	3.28	3.9	3.40	3.8	Shoreham	2.40	6.0	3.15	6.1
Holyhead	1.45	5.6	2.16	5.5	Southampton	2.16	4.4	2.53	4.4
Hull	9.53	7.3	10.29	7.1	Swansea	10.07	9.1	10.24	9.2
Ilfracombe	8.49	8.8	10.07	8.9	Tees	7.19	5.3	7.59	5.1
King's Lynn	10.06	6.6	10.48	6.2	Wton-on-Nze	3.39	4.2	3.32	4.1
Leith	6.19	5.3	6.58	5.2					

NOON TODAY



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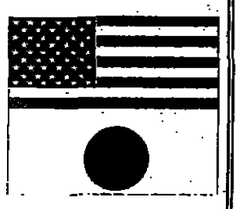

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THE POUND

US $ ..... 1.4758 (-0.0074)
German mark .... 2.4960 (-0.0151)
Exchange index ..... 79.2 (-0.5)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 2900.7 (-8.9)
Dow Jones ... 3485.36 (-12.18)*
Nikkei Avge .. 19492.52 (-45.78)

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 6%
3-month Interbank.... 5 9/16-5 5/16%
US Federal Funds..... 3 1/4%*
3-month Treas Bills. 3.12-3.10%*
Long Bond 6.77%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£:$	1.4715*	£:$	1.4720
$:DM	1.6933*	£:DM	2.4899
$:SWfr	1.5059*	£:SWfr	2.2169
$:Flr	5.6920*	£:Flr	8.3700
$:Yen	109.25*	£:Yen	160.52
£:SDR	1.0710	£:ECU	1.2778

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 367.00 ..... PM 367.10
Close 368.40-368.80
New York:
Comex 368.15-368.65*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI ..... 141.1 May (1.3%)
* Denotes midday trading price

DENZIL McNEELANCE

Cheers: Michael Cannon, left, chairman of Devenish, and Andrew Thomas, chairman of Greenalls, drink a toast to their £206 million deal

Devenish agrees £206m takeover by Greenalls

BY MARTIN WALLER
DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

■ **Greenalls and Devenish, the former regional brewers which now concentrate on running public house chains, have announced a £206 million agreed takeover**

THE creation of Britain's largest independent public house group has given the brewing industry one of its biggest shake-ups since the government tried to break the power of the beer barons.

A £206 million agreed takeover by Greenalls, the pub operator from northwest England, of J.A. Devenish, chaired by Michael Cannon, also disentangles one of the longest-running bid uncertainties on the stock market, the 19.2 per cent stake held in Devenish by Boddington, a third pub owner.

All three companies are former regional brewers that decided, at the end of the 1980s, to sell their brewing businesses and to concentrate on retail, forced out by the government's beer orders.

Greenalls, whose beer is now brewed by Allied-Lyons, has been forced to pay a high price to ensure that the situation does not degenerate into a bid battle with a third party. An all-shares deal and a cash alternative surprised the market and was sufficient to lift Devenish shares 84p to 366p.

Greenalls is offering one new share and 394.5p in new convertible bonds for every two Devenish, representing a price of 376p a share, and underpinning this with a 356.5p per share cash alternative. Boddington bid 210p in cash for Devenish more than two years ago. Greenalls shares fell 28p to 358p.

Boddington rushed to accept the immediate £15.4 million profit on its stake, notching up a 13p increase on its share price. The company will either accept the cash or sell the shares in the market.

The deal represents a significant consolidation of the British pubs industry and puts the enlarged Greenalls, with more than 2,000 outlets, behind only Pubmaster, owned by the leisure group Brent Walker in terms of size.

The Greenalls offer, represents about 21 times' a year's earnings from Devenish, which has been taking cost out of the business since the hostile bid. Geof Collyer, drinks analyst at the broker NatWest Securities, said: "Greenalls is paying a very, very full price." And Boddington said: "It seems to us that the other side have paid an awful lot of money."

Greenalls insists the offer will be earnings-neutral in the first full year but accepts that considerable savings will be needed to achieve this, although it will not say just how this can be done. The two main Devenish administrative centres, at Weymouth and Cheltenham, will be closed.

Other savings would come from prising a favourable supply deal from a brewing industry riddled with overcapacity. Greenalls' existing contract with Allied has two years to run, while Whitbread supplies Devenish at present. Andrew Thomas, Greenalls' chairman, said: "I think it will be very easy for us to manage the two businesses together."

The decision of Boddington to back the bid effectively rules out a counter-offer. Devenish directors and family with 26.4 per cent of the equity are supporting the terms. Another big holder is Whitbread, the brewer, and its allied investment company with 14 per cent.

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Doubt cast on Lloyd's loss

BY SARAH BAGNALL
INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

TWO out of every five Lloyd's of London syndicates opted to leave their 1990 underwriting year open, casting doubt on the accuracy of the insurance market's calculation of a £2.91 billion loss for the 1990 account, unveiled on Tuesday.

Of the market's 388 syndicates actively underwriting in 1990 a total of 157 left their 1990 year open, reflecting the underwriters' inability to quantify their syndicates' losses. In normal circumstances and under Lloyd's three-year accounting system a syndicate would reinsure, at a cost, its 1990 year of account into its 1993 year of account.

The number of years being left open has risen sharply in the past two years. Last year, 64 syndicates left their 1989 year of account open, almost double the year before. The reasons for leaving such a large proportion of the 1990 underwriting years open hinge on the market's uncertainty over the final level of claims. As a result, Tuesday's £2.91 billion loss is much more of a guess than in past years.

Many of the syndicates are leaving the year open because of a proposal in the Lloyd's business plan to strip out liabilities from 1985 and prior years and reinsure them into a new vehicle, NewCo. However, there is no way of knowing what NewCo will charge to take on these liabilities.

Another area of uncertainty is caused by the mass of legal actions by names. Many syndicates have provided stop-loss cover to names and errors and omissions cover to agents and as a result are reserving for any potential claims.

In several cases there is no 1993 underwriting account into which the 1990 year could be reinsured or the 1993 account has too small a capacity to take the burden of the 1990 year.

Bank plans share system

BY GEORGE SIVELL
CITY EDITOR

THE Bank of England is ready to grab the Taurus bull by the horns. A working party, set up to find a replacement for the disaster-struck Taurus project, is planning a new share settlement system based on the computers that the Bank uses to settle gilts and money market deals.

Pen Kent, an associate director of the Bank, and his working party are due to report next week but details of their plans were discussed at a recent meeting of the Securities Industry Software Association, formed after the £75 million Taurus flop.

A number of computing experts were told that the Bank plans to modify immediately the Stock Exchange's Talisman computer as an interim measure while the Bank develops a new share settlement system which will not be working until the end of 1996.

It is intended that Talisman will be modified to cope with plans by the Bank of England to introduce a rolling ten-day settlement of share deals by July 1994 to replace the present antiquated method of share sellers not getting their money until well after the end of the two- or three-week account in which they deal.

An article in today's *Computing* magazine carries a critical comment on the Bank of England's plans. Neither the Bank of England nor the London Stock Exchange said they would comment on the plans until the working party report was published.

A switch in responsibility for developing a share settlement system from the Stock Exchange to the Bank follows the joint venturing of both the Topic and the Market Eye services. Peter Rawlins, the Stock Exchange's chief executive, resigned over the Taurus flop.

Indians berate foreign banks

BY PATRICIA TEHAN, BANKING CORRESPONDENT

FOREIGN banks, including Britain's Standard Chartered, are being blamed for playing a prominent part in India's 40.2 billion rupee (£875 million) stock market scandal.

A draft report by the Joint Parliamentary Committee, which is investigating the scandal, blames government ministers and foreign banks.

The scandal was exposed in April last year. It involved abuses of the interbank market, stemming from the banks' practice of issuing receipts to each other to guarantee delivery of securities. Fraudulent and uncovered receipts are at the centre of the scandal.

The JPC report claims four foreign banks — Standard Chartered, Citibank, Bank of America and ANZ Grindlays Bank — had played a major part. "Some of the foreign banks have been prominently involved in the irregularities in security transactions," it says, accusing them of breaking not only Indian rules but possibly the laws of their own countries. It recommends that foreign banks be barred from repatriating profits from illegal dealings.

Standard Chartered made a £305 million loss on Indian operations last year after setting aside £272 million in provisions against its involvement in the scandal.

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IRWIN STELZER

Financial disaster is quickly forgotten, J K Galbraith told us in his sometimes wrong-headed but always charming *Short History of Financial Euphoria*. That may be why American and British investors have begun, once again, to pour billions into property markets.

The chosen instrument for such investment in America is the real estate investment trust (REIT); in Britain, it is shares in property companies. Investors, who poured $6.5 billion into the REITs last year, are on course to add $8 billion to their US holdings this year. British property companies' rights issues came to over $1 billion in May alone. Confidence that property values have hit a floor, and are due to rebound, was bolstered when George Soros announced plans to sink £500 million into a portfolio of properties.

Have investors once again gained justifiable confidence in a market that has often made men rich? Or have they moved to a state of foolish euphoria? That is certainly a possibility. Vacancy rates in London, New York and other cities remain high, commercial rents are coming down as leases expire and there is still a large overhang of properties in the hands of banks that took them over when mortgagors defaulted. Against that must be put some solid signs that commercial property markets are indeed recovering. Hillier Parker, the property surveyor, says that after falling by 42 per cent from their peak, values stabilised last month — indeed, they rose a tiny bit. In America, many banks have already disposed of unwanted real estate, often at a 50 per cent loss, to bulk buyers such as Morgan Stanley. Furthermore, the awful-sounding average vacancy rates can be misleading in a market that is, by its nature, local.

Canary Wharf, which Galbraith calls "the most awesome recent example of speculative dementia", is not the West End or the City. And Los Angeles is not America. Whereas in recession-racked California the worst may be yet to come, the delinquency rate on commercial mortgages held by insurance companies improved in New England in the first quarter and was flat in the mid-Atlantic region, which includes New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Another reason for taking high vacancy rates with a grain or two of salt is that they include vacant, often obsolete buildings that are not really contenders for prime tenants, given the lowered rents that newer buildings now offer.

Perhaps most important to prospective investors are recent and probable future returns. In the first quarter of 1993, dividends and share price increases gave holders of REITs a 19.1 per cent return, while Standard & Poor's index of 500 stocks produced under 5 per cent. In Britain, the FTA all-share index managed a puny 3 per cent in the first five months but the property share index soared 32 per cent. Barton Biggs, of Morgan Stanley, expects "well-managed real estate portfolios" to earn returns of 10 per cent or more over the next five years, against 8 per cent for equities and 7 per cent for bonds.

So the rush is on — despite the adverse publicity recently received by the world's most famous piece of real estate, New York's Rockefeller Centre. Japan's Mitsubishi Estate Company bought 80 per cent of the Rockefeller Group for $1.4 billion. But its buildings, ice skating rink and Music Hall are now worth only $1.2 billion — less than the mortgage. Investors who bought shares in Rockefeller Center Properties in 1985 have seen them plunge 65 per cent while the stock market doubled. With massive improvements needed to bring the buildings up to modern standards, and leases being renewed at reduced rates, only the Rockefellers have reason to smile.

So, too, may new investors who stick to properties managed by companies with long experience in their markets, that are valued to reflect the current level of rents, and that are not so highly leveraged that a rise in interest rates can wipe out earnings. Others, less wary, will ignore history and get burnt. They, notes Galbraith, dismiss past experience as "the refuge of those who do not have the insight to appreciate the incredible wonders of the present". At their cost.

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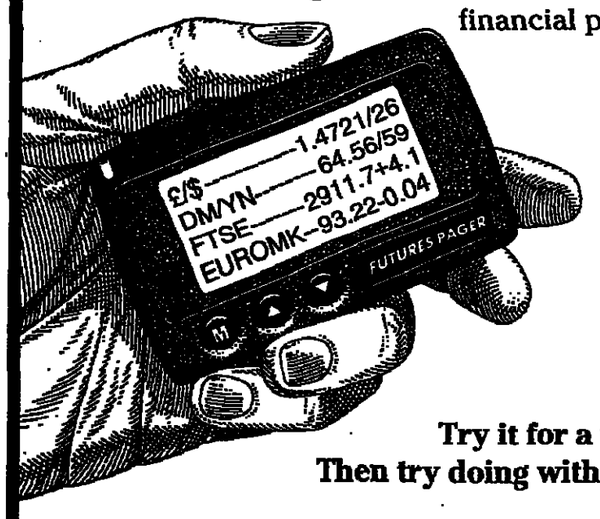

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FUTURES PAGER

Charter Consolidated to buy out Minorco stake

BY COLIN CAMPBELL
MINING CORRESPONDENT

■ The reshaped Charter Consolidated, boasting net cash balances of £146 million and with undrawn facilities of £300 million, is actively seeking acquisitions

CHARTER Consolidated yesterday resolved its long running investment headache of having Minorco as one dominant shareholder on its share register by announcing that it would use part of its cash pile to buy out Minorco's 36 per cent stake, via a loan note, for £235.5 million.

Charter, where Sir Michael Edwardes is remaining chairman and where Jeffrey Herbert is chief executive, proposes to set up a new holding company in which current shareholders would be offered shares on a one-for-one basis. The word "consolidated" will be dropped from the group's corporate title.

Mr Herbert said it was a "great day for Charter", and the move would be earnings-enhancing.

He added that the group would be able to chart its own course without the market believing Charter was on a puppet on Minorco's string. Minorco has been a shareholder in Charter since 1981, and Mr Herbert said that it had always been a supportive one. But Charter could better develop as an international industrial group, based in Britain, if there was no single dominant shareholder. "Charter becomes master of its own destiny," Mr Herbert said.

The proposal to buy out Minorco's stake follows Charter's successful disposal earlier this year of its 38 per cent interest in Johnson Matthey, the precious metals group. The sale of the JM asset, for £217.5 million, largely removed the rationale for Minorco to remain on Charter's share register.

Sir Michael: staying on

Minorco's exit price from Charter is 622p a share, or a 2 per cent discount to Charter's price before yesterday's announcement.

On the stock market, Charter shares rose 15p to 649p, having earlier traded at 652p.

The proposals will be effected by a scheme of arrangement, requiring approval from 75 per cent of shareholders, excluding Minorco.

The scheme is likely cost between £2 million and £3 million, and should become effective in August.

Sir Michael Edwardes will resign from Minorco's board once the deal is effective. The three Minorco representatives on Charter's board will also resign, and Charter will appoint other, independent, non-executive directors.

Mr Herbert said Charter's goal was "to increase profits and improve returns to shareholders".

The group yesterday announced results for the year to the end of March that showed an 11 per cent increase in operating profits to £31.3 million (£28.2 million) and pre-tax profits, including JM receipts, of £289.2 million (£85.5 million).

The year's total dividend rises from 21.5p to 22p a share.

Charter said it was a generally good operational performance in a tough year. It added that it was actively considering several acquisitions, and that the new proposals would still leave the group with net cash balances of £146 million. In addition the group had undrawn banking facilities of £300 million.

Mr Herbert said the new plan would be beneficial to earnings in the current financial year and in the longer term.

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BARRY GREENWOOD

In the driving seat: Alec Murray, chairman of Quicks Group, the Manchester car dealer, tries a new Ford Mondeo after announcing the £8.15 million acquisition of Laidlaw, the motor distribution business of Goode Durrant with outlets in Scotland, Essex and Kent. Quicks is funding the deal through an £8.78 million sale of shares

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

New factory to create 1,000 jobs in Wales

SOUTH Wales has been given another big employment boost with the pledge of 1,000 jobs at a new £42 million electronics factory. ASAT (UK), part of a Hong Kong-based group, is to set up on an industrial estate at Crumlin, Gwent, John Redwood, the Welsh Secretary, announced. Earlier this week, Aiwa, the Japanese hi-fi giant, said it was doubling its manufacturing capacity on the same estate, creating nearly 500 jobs in a £27 million expansion programme.

ASAT (UK) will assemble and test a variety of integrated circuits at a new factory to be built on a Welsh Development Agency "greenfield" site. The company is part of QPL International Holdings, a fast-growing group with interests in electronics. Another QPL firm acquired the former Inmos plant at Newport, Gwent, last year.

Print firms to cut jobs

FRESH evidence that the recovery from recession remains fragile emerged with a survey predicting further job losses in the printing industry. Four out of ten firms surveyed by the British Printing Industries Federation said they planned to shed jobs in the next three months. Only half of the 60 companies polled described order books as normal or better for the time of year and profit margins were "unsatisfactory". Trading conditions were better than three months ago, but the improvement was "lacklustre".

Forecast on BSkyB

THE British satellite television network, BSkyB, should have an operating profit of about £60 million in the year to June 30, 1993, Jerome Seydoux, chairman of Chargeurs, said in an interview with *Les Echos*, the French financial daily. He said operating profit should more than double in the year to June 30, 1994. Chargeurs, which has a 17.5 per cent stake in BSkyB, made a net profit of Fr724 million in 1992 after Fr366 million the year before. M Seydoux said that turnover had fallen 12 per cent in April and May.

Check on BT3 forms

A CRACKDOWN aimed at preventing fraudulent multiple applications in the £5 billion BT3 share sale was announced yesterday. Price Waterhouse is in charge of co-ordinating efforts to stop fraud. Its strategy will be based on the experience of attempted frauds in previous privatisations. Stephen Dorrell, pictured right, the financial secretary to the Treasury, said the accountant's role was to deter and detect multiple and other fraudulent applications. Price Waterhouse will have access to data from banks and share shops, which will process the share applications.

Wagon rolls ahead

WAGON Industrial, the handling systems to engineering components group, says that this year is likely to be one of consolidation, given the weakness of the European economies. However, the Shropshire group managed a sharp jump in taxable profits from £12.7 million to £18.1 million in the year to end-March, which also saw earnings per share move ahead from 18.95p to 29p. A final dividend of 11.175p makes 17.308p for the full year (16.484p). Wagon has net cash balances of £14.7 million.

Cornwell Parker alert

CORNWELL Parker, the furniture and wallpaper maker, has warned that sales are below expectations despite the slow economic recovery. It said that unless there is a dramatic advance over the next six weeks, its pre-tax profits for the year to July 31 will be lower than expected. The shares fell 12p to 187p on the warning. Analysts had been looking for profits of up to £9 million, against £8.26 million previously. However, there will be an unchanged final dividend of 4p, giving a total payout of 5.7p, up from 5.6p.

Airport profits climb

RISING passenger numbers helped Birmingham International Airport increase its pre-tax profits by 11.8 per cent to £5.08 million in 1992-3. Holiday-charter traffic was up 20 per cent, while scheduled traffic increased 4 per cent and the number of scheduled airlines operating from the airport rose from 13 to 15. Turnover was £46.9 million, up from £43 million. Bob Taylor, managing director, said that profitability, vital to the planned investment programme for the airport, had not increased as rapidly as intended.

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Tietmeyer named new president of Bundesbank

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

■ Hans Tietmeyer was confirmed as president of the Bundesbank as financier George Soros, its leading critic, launched another attack on German policy

THE German cabinet yesterday officially named Hans Tietmeyer, current deputy president of the Bundesbank, to succeed Helmut Schlesinger current president from October 1, an appointment which was widely expected and is not likely to lead to any marked changes in tone or policy from the central bank, at least in the short term.

Johann Wilhelm Gaddum, currently a member of the central bank's board and a fellow member of Chancellor Helmut Kohl's CDU party, was named as his deputy, putting two close political allies of the Chancellor in the two top spots.

Balancing these appointments politically, Edgar Meister, currently finance minister of the German state of Rhineland-Palatinate and a member of the opposition SPD party, was named to fill the spare place on the board.

These appointments are unlikely to lead to an acceleration of the current policy of extremely gradual and cautious interest rate cuts, not least because Herr Tietmeyer has effectively been in charge at the bank for the last few months. In addition, the new names do not significantly change the make-up of the policy-making council, which is believed to be finely balanced between those who favour a more aggressive easing of monetary policy and those against.

Nevertheless, Herr Tietmeyer, who served Chancellor Kohl as a "sherpa" at international economic summits throughout the 1980s, is known to be more sensitive to international opinion than his predecessor but is not likely to compromise on the bank's traditional concern of monetary stability because of pressure from outside. Herr Gaddum has a reputation as a hardliner on inflation.

Alison Cottrell, senior international economist at Midland Global Markets, said: "They should slash rates but there isn't much hope of that. The change might mean that the process of cutting rates goes on for longer, taking them to 4 per cent next year instead of 4¾ per cent under Schlesinger."

□ George Soros, the international financier whose recent article about Germany in *The Times* significantly weakened confidence in the mark, yesterday launched another attack on the Bundesbank and its policies.

He told businessmen in Budapest that the bank's policy of holding off further substantial interest rate cuts in order to force the Bonn government into action to cut its deficit was beginning to fail.

Mr Soros said: "I think the longer the Bundesbank persists in this policy, the bigger the German recession, the worse it is for Hungary, the worse it is for Europe and in the end the worse it is for what the Bundesbank is most concerned with: namely the value of the mark."

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US first-quarter GDP grows at just 0.7%

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN WASHINGTON

THE US economy grew at an even lower rate than had been expected in the first quarter, and there are few signs of a marked upturn in the second-quarter, according to official data released yesterday.

Gross domestic product rose at an annual 0.7 per cent in the first three months, revised down from a previous commerce department estimate of 0.9 per cent. This compares with a growth rate of 4.8 per cent in the last quarter of 1992. While the second quarter is generally believed to show a statistical rebound in economic growth, yesterday's figures, at the least, underline the uneven path of America's economic recovery. A downward revision in the rise of first quarter net corporate profits, from 5.3 to 4.2 per cent, and the third consecutive monthly fall in new orders for durable goods rounded off a day of bad economic statistics.

Ron Brown, commerce secretary, said the economy continued to perform "under capacity" and he was "disappointed" by the weak rise in economic output and the fall in durable goods orders. The dollar fell on news of the fall in durable goods to about DM1.6915 in early New York trade yesterday, from the previous night's DM1.6955 close.

The commerce department said new orders for durable goods fell by 1.6 per cent in May to the lowest level since last November. But despite May's fall, the accumulated data for the first five months show durable goods orders were 8.8 per cent higher than in the same period last year.

BARRY GREENWOOD

Light show: Ken Harvey, chairman of Norweb, at the Manchester company's exhibition centre in Chorley

Norweb attacks VAT on power bills

THE electricity industry's efforts to pass on the benefits of lower coal prices to consumers via cheaper power are being frustrated by the government decision to put VAT on electricity bills, says Norweb, the Manchester distributor (Martin Waller writes). The company used the opportunity of its final figures yesterday, which showed pre-tax profits up from £137.9 million to £157.1 million in the year to end-March, to launch an attack on the imposition of the tax at 8 per cent. Ken Harvey, chairman, announced a 1.6 per cent cut in electricity prices to all the company's 2.1 million consumers from July 1, but added the reduction would be more than offset when VAT comes into effect next April. Norweb is paying a final dividend of 14.1p, making a 20p total, a rise on last year that, at 13 per cent, is at the bottom end of those already announced by the distributors. The shares, fell 15p to 484p.

Strong cash flow of £55.9 million halved gearing from 22.1 per cent to 10.6 per cent at the financial year end. Mr Harvey said volumes distributed by the core business dropped 0.4 per cent, after a fall to industrial customers because of the recession.

Lovell sees signs of upturn as losses rise

BY OUR CITY STAFF

LOSSES at YJ Lovell, the housebuilder, rose from £1.6 million to £3.9 million in the half year to March 31, but Anthony Hichens, chairman, said the underlying trend was upwards and forecast a return to profitability in its UK housing division next year.

Lovell has deferred a decision on the need for further provisions to the land bank until the year end, because of signs of revival in the housing market.

Mr Hichens said: "There are no indications of increased house prices as yet, but some sales incentives are falling away and prospective house purchasers are showing greater interest."

The interim figures include losses of £3.3 million from the urban renewal, Spanish and commercial property businesses, which are being run down. The interim loss per share is 4.7p, up from 1.9p

The company sold 205 units during the period, ten fewer than the corresponding period last year and including 40 sales to housing associations. Residential turnover fell from £18.5 million to £15.8 million, and the loss was £2.8 million, compared with near break-even last time. Construction results were offset by losses in the plant hire business, but the profits are being made on old contracts and the settlement of accounts. Turnover was down 27 per cent to £50 million and the loss for the year was £1.1 million.

Alexon asks for £16m to fuel revival

BY MARTIN FLANAGAN

ALEXON, the troubled female fashion group, has announced a £16.4 million rights issue to help to drive recovery, and is to make a £1 million payoff to three directors whose departure institutional shareholders are understood to have demanded in return for backing the cash call.

Alexon also said that losses in the 53 weeks to end-January were £12.2 million, £11.2 million worse than announced in March, mainly due to provisions against old stock. The company disclosed the launch of Ann Harvey, an outsize women's brand, in its free-standing Dash shops, which have not been very successful.

The four-for-five issue is at 60p a share. Yesterday's market price was 65p, down 13p.

The new stewardship of John Osborn, chief executive, and John Sadler, chairman, aims to cut gearing below 50 per cent by the end of the 1994-95 year. The new team said that it intended to save £3 million a year, partly by closing Alexon's Far East offices.

The £1 million payoff is for Lawrence Snyder, former chairman, and Ruth Henderson and Peter Ridsdale, joint operating officers.

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Frogmore Estates calling for £43m

BY CARL MORTISHED

FROGMORE Estates, one of the few property companies to have sold heavily at the top of the property boom, is raising £43 million in a one for three rights issue to fund property purchases. David Wilmot, managing director, said the company has agreed two deals worth £30 million, subject to contract, with negotiations under way over a further £28 million of acquisitions.

Frogmore has spent more than £50 million over the last 18 months and gearing the company for an anticipated upturn has taken borrowings from a low base to £68 million last June. But Mr Wilmot said the fund-raising was not a degearing exercise and pointed to the acquisition of non-income producing property which justified the need for additional equity: "We think it is the right time to expand the company and we have bought a lot of property. Without the new funds, we would have little room to invest unless we took gearing up to uncomfortable levels."

Shareholders are being offered a forecast final dividend of 12.4p as a carrot to take up their rights at 345p, a discount of 18 per cent to the price before the announcement. The total dividend for the year to June 30 will be 16p, a 7 per cent rise on 1992, giving shareholders a forecast yield on the rights shares of 5.8 per cent. However, adding the final payout for this year would push the yield on the new shares above 10 per cent over a 15-month period.

Frogmore has been increasing the retail content of its portfolio from 10 per cent to 25 per cent over the last 18 months including a £15 million retail acquisition in Barnet, offices in Slough for £7.8 million and the £15 million purchase of a block of flats in London. The new deals are likely to be shopping centres in the South East as well as residential property.

Frogmore has increased its exposure to an upturn in the housing market, having acquired 1,300 plots which it will develop on a joint venture basis with housebuilders such as Rialto and Fairview.

The rights issue is the company's first major call on shareholders since 1987 when it raised £17.4 million. Since Frogmore was floated in 1971, shareholders' funds have risen from £2 million to £164 million. In 1991 Frogmore fended off a £140 million bid from Southend Properties with comparisons between the highly geared Southend and Frogmore's nil borrowings.

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Spring Ram in new warning

BY OUR CITY STAFF

SPRING Ram, the bathroom and kitchens business run by Bill Rooney, is suffering the City's worst sanction: it is becoming boring. Yesterday, it gave its third profits warning since autumn and said that no replacement has been found for Stuart Greenwood, the finance director who fell on his sword over a £10 million profit downgrading in March.

After bullish noises in March about prospects for this year, the company is giving warning of start-up losses at Regency Doors, whose new factory was commissioned in December, and another new business, Artisan Tiles. Losses continue in Spring Bathrooms and Balterley Bathrooms, the company involved in accounting problems last year. Finally, Spring Ram's motor, the kitchen business, is to be held back by extra costs from a dedicated warehouse for Texas, the DIY giant. "They probably got the pricing wrong," Derek Reed, of Smith New Court, said.

Rooney: profit alert

Analysts were disturbed about a flurry of share dealings before the announcement, which cut the price 11 per cent, but others shrugged it off, saying that rumours of problems at Regency Doors and difficulties over costs in the kitchen division had been rife in the industry.

Mr Reed said that institutions were becoming increasingly impatient about Mr Rooney's ability to get to grips with the problems. "The company has failed to make the transition from small company to large company," Mr Reed said. Mr Rooney's appointment of sales directors to managing directorships had been unwise, he suggested.

Spring Ram's chairman was unavailable for comment yesterday. "I think he's suffered a blow to his self-esteem," one analyst said. One institution said that it was time for him to appoint an outside chief executive, but analysts believe that Mr Rooney may be unwilling to loosen his grip on the company that he and Bill Murray built into one of the eighties' hottest stocks.

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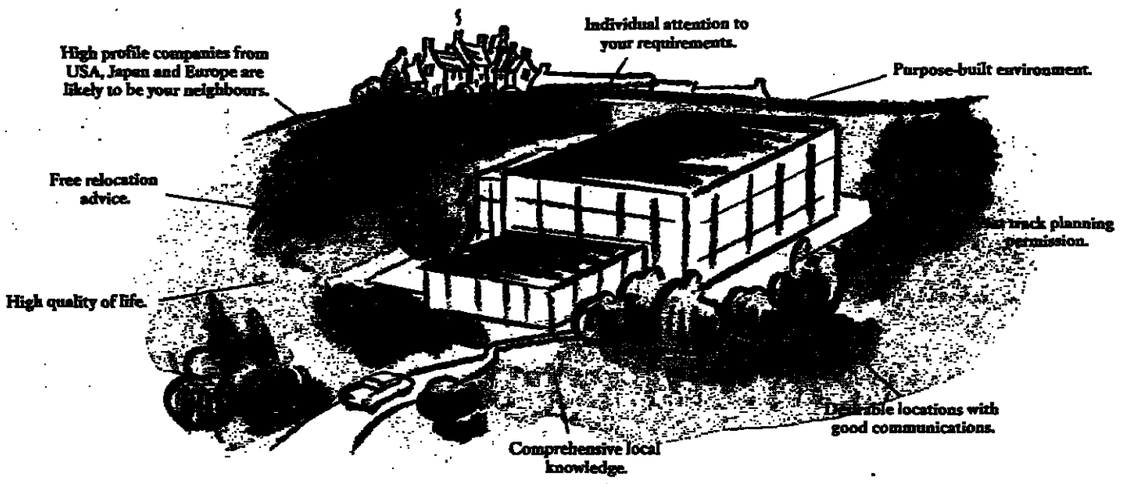

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Field to go public as profits rise

Field Group is making its debut on the Stock Exchange in a placing and public offer that capitalises the folded carton manufacturer at £148.4 million. The 250p share price values Field at a multiple of 17.7 times continuing pro forma earnings, says Schroders, the company's adviser.

Field, a management buyout from SCA, the Swedish paper group, in 1991, is the largest manufacturer of folding cartons in Britain, with a 14.5 per cent market share. Operating profits in 1992-3 were up 24 per cent on last time at £12.6 million. Field said trading had made a good start in the first two months of the current year.

ERF loss grows

ERF (Holdings), the lorry maker, saw losses deepen significantly in the 53 weeks to April 3, from a restated £613,000 to £4.1 million. Losses per share leapt from 13.26p to 46.25p. Turnover in the period fell slightly from a restated £117.6 million to £111.7 million. The loss included £2.42 million of exceptional items covering the launch of a new EC range and a European expansion programme. The final dividend is held at 2p, making a total for the year of 2p (4p).

FRS3 amended

Insurance companies can continue to choose between accounting methods for the treatment of investment gains and losses, following a decision by the Accounting Standards Board to waive certain requirements of FRS3. Under the amendment, insurers do not have to calculate gains and losses on disposal of investments based on their market value as opposed to their historical values, as required under FRS3.

Courts ahead

Courts, the home furnishings group, has reported preliminary pre-tax profits up 52 per cent to £21.17 million in the year to end-March, despite the slack housing market. Earnings per share jumped from 19.7p to 31.6p, and the total dividend is raised to 5.5p (5p) via a 3.67p final.

UK industry seeks help on import substitution

By Ross Tieman, Industrial Correspondent

BRITAIN needs a government-led campaign to help industry substitute British-made goods for imports, the chairman of Rover Group, George Simpson, has told a cross party committee of MPs.

"I think there should be greater emphasis in the UK on the possibilities of import substitution," the chairman of Britain's biggest carmaker told the industry committee's enquiry into the competitiveness of British manufacturing.

Mr Simpson said while government departments and ministers were now "quite switched on" when it came to promoting exports, opportunities in the home market were being overlooked. "I think there is perhaps a role for government and government departments in identifying these kind of opportunities and spreading the information around British companies." By helping UK companies in this way, government could help industry close the trade deficit, he added.

His recommendation was reinforced by evidence from Colin Hope, chairman and chief executive of T&N, the components group, who highlighted difficulties of winning a bigger share of export markets. He said German car assemblers were unwilling to switch business to British suppliers unless they could offer a price advantage exceeding 20 per cent. His group had been obliged to buy a German company in order to access the German market effectively. And Mr Hope told the committee that Carl Hahn, chairman of Volkswagen, had told him: "When you get this German acquisition you will be able to significantly increase your exports out of the UK."

But the proposal for action accompanied an encouraging assessment of Britain's manufacturing potential by both Mr Hope and the chief of Rover, which has transformed itself from a national joke into a national industrial showcase. The committee heard Rover is now a pacesetter in management, employee relations, training, product development and manufacturing techniques. Mr Simpson said the change had been precipitated by the government's praiseworthy policy of encouraging foreign investment. The threat of Japanese transplant factories had driven Rover to transform itself, and a similar transformation had been achieved by big component suppliers, although small and medium firms were still weak.

Both industry leaders believe Britain has the advantages of a "world class" manufacturing location, despite deficiencies in the education system and transport links.

Mr Simpson said the lower "social costs" associated with employing people in Britain added to that advantage. Praising Rover's workforce, Mr Simpson said he believed there was still an important role for unions, although they had to adapt to more direct communication between management and employees.

But too much attention was paid to labour costs, which at Rover were only 15 per cent of a car's cost. While all costs mattered, managers could achieve bigger cost reductions and quality improvements by concentrating on other areas, such as component supply and distribution. The most important thing government could do for industry was to provide an environment in which such changes could be speedily achieved.

CHRIS HARRIS

Going for growth: Robin Field, second left, the chief executive of Filofax, with his winning management team

Filofax pencils in a healthy profit advance

FILOFAX has told shareholders to expect further growth in profits and dividends. The announcement was made in an upbeat statement that confirmed the company's recovery.

Robin Field, chief executive, announced pre-tax profits of £2.2 million for the year to March 31 — almost four times the £553,000 made in the 15 months to March 31 last year. There will be a total dividend payout of 1.25p against only 0.5p in the previous 15 months. Earnings per share climbed to 7.7p from 2.7p previously.

In 1990, the company was on the brink of going under, but Mr Field, then a management consultant, was brought in to assess the situation. He cut costs, rationalised production and concentrated on the ring-bound organiser market.

Gestetner runs into the red over £41m restructuring bill

By George Sivell, City Editor

HEADHUNTERS are still looking for a new chairman for Gestetner, the office equipment group where Inchcape recently took a 15.3 per cent, £37 million stake.

In the meantime, Basil Sellers remains as chairman. But he has stood down as chief executive after selling the bulk of his shareholding to Inchcape. He will become a non-executive director when a new non-executive chairman is found.

Yesterday, Mr Sellers announced a half-year £45.4 million loss before tax, foreshadowed at the time of the Inchcape deal, and a maintained 1.8p a share dividend for the six months to end-April. The shares remained unchanged at 113p yesterday.

Behind the loss lays a £41 million charge for restructuring, signalled with the Inchcape deal.

But trading profits fell, from £17.7 million to £11 million. Profit margins fell in office automation, which accounts for £410 million of Gestetner's £486.3 million sales over the half year. Some of the loss of margin in office automation had been expected because of a shift to less profitable products, but some of the fall arose from recession in Europe.

Trading profits from camera distribution products rose from £500,000 to £1.8 million. An attempted sale of this business fell through earlier this year, but another buyer is in talks with Gestetner. The bottom line loss of £50 million left shareholders' funds down from £262 million to £205 million.

Debts soared from £95 million to £148 million, mainly due to a £35 million increase in working capital caused by higher stocks left over from lower than anticipated sales. Gearing stood at 72 per cent at the half-year end.

On prospects, Gestetner said that it remained cautious about the global economic outlook, especially Europe. However, the group remains confident about its future prospects as the large economies strengthen. It is thought that Asia and some Latin American countries offer good growth opportunities.

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Nissan UK trial judge tells jury of his error

By Our City Staff

THE judge in the Nissan UK fraud trial yesterday told the jury that he had dealt incorrectly with part of the defence put forward by a British executive accused of syphoning off more than £200 million of his company's profits.

Mr Justice Gatehouse said that, when summing up on Tuesday, he should not have said that there was no evidence for claims that the Japanese car maker cheated tax authorities in Tokyo. He told the Southwark Crown Court jury that he should have been clearer in dealing with the possibility that Nissan Motor Corporation carried out a tax swindle in Japan.

"It was drawn to my attention that I said something ... open to misinterpretation," the judge said. "It is quite clear, members of the jury, that I should not have said to you that there is no evidence at all of a Japanese fraud. What I should have said is that there is no direct evidence."

The judge said that there was no direct evidence of either fraud on the Inland Revenue, as the prosecution claimed, or one by the Japanese car maker against its own tax authorities.

Michael Hunt, 59, of Hove, East Sussex, managing director of Nissan UK, the former importer of Nissan cars, denies conspiracy to cheat the Inland Revenue of £97 million in corporation tax. The prosecution claimed that he and others, including the company's former chairman, Octav Botnar, used "bogus invoices" to inflate freight charges and cream off £219 million from profits. It is alleged they "laundered" the cash through Swiss accounts.

Mr Hunt claimed through counsel that the perpetrators of the fraud "may well have been" the Japanese car maker.

The judge said that the prosecution had to prove a British fraud, as it alleged, or a British fraud with Japanese knowledge. It had to eliminate the possibility of Japanese fraud.

The judge is expected to finish summing up today.

STOCK MARKET

Pharmaceutical companies given a dose of bad news

MUCH of the pharmaceutical sector was friendless after a variety of bearish stories combined with a negative note and downgrades from the global healthcare team at Lehman Brothers, the American broker.

Medeva fell to 209p, before recovering to close at 213p, down 10p, on relatively heavy volume of 1.3 million. There were mischievous rumours about a possible profits warning and meetings with institutions in America.

A spokesman for Medeva said he saw no reason for the fall and emphasised that there was "absolutely no truth" in the stories. However, it is understood that a badly executed share sale in America did not help matters.

Elsewhere, **SmithKline Beecham A** fell 12p to 434p, **Wellcome**, 23p to 686p, and **Glaxo**, which was knocked by Tuesday's downgrading from Goldman Sachs, dipped 8½p to 579p. **Boots** also eased 2p to 437p. Against the trend, **Fisons** added 5p to 182p.

Zeneca, fresh from a relatively successful 86 per cent take-up for its £1.3 billion rights issue, unveiled plans for a public debt offering in America of $300 million notes due 2003. Zeneca shares ended unchanged at 626p, against a 600p rights price.

Equities drifted in a narrow range, shrugging aside a dull overnight performance in New York and the announcement that the Bundesbank had decided to keep its key 14-day repo rate unchanged, further reducing prospects for another cut in UK interest rates in the near term.

A negative start to trading on Wall Street further depressed sentiment in London.

Healthy debut: Sir Phil Harris of Carpetright

The FT-SE 100 index reversed a one-time 9.4 point advance and struggled to barely hold above the important 2,900 level, ending 6.9 points lower at 2,900.7. Volume was thin, reaching 595.8 million.

The brewing sector saw a resurgence of interest after **Greenalls Group** launched a £206 million agreed takeover offer for **JA Devenish**, worth 376p a share. Shares in Devenish jumped 85p to 367p, but Greenalls slid 28p to 358p. **Boddington Group**, which bid for Devenish two years ago and still holds a stake of about 19.2 per cent, added 13p to 286p, saying it would be taking its profits. Among other brewers showing gains in a dull market, **Bass** added 5p to 492p, **Grand Metropolitan**, 7p to 432p, **Mansfield Brewery**, 15p to 850p, **Marston, Thompson & Evershed**, 8p to 263p and **Whitbread A** 3p to 500p.

Dealers focused early attention on the possibility of further demergers across the market in the wake of Tuesday's surprise announcement that **Rothmans International**, and **Dunhill Holdings**, its 57 per cent-owned subsidiary, are to unbundle in a move creating two separately-listed tobacco and luxury goods companies. The shake-up will realise a cash windfall for shareholders of both Rothmans and Dunhill, whose shares have been suspended at 720p and 405p respectively, pending a further announcement.

Wolseley, the building materials distributor, eased 1p to 635p as Shaw & Co issued a sell note. Shaw said the shares looked overvalued after a sustained period of outperformance, with a prospective p/e ratio of more than 22 times and a gross dividend yield of 2.5 per cent. Shaw recommends a switch into Blue Circle Industries, unchanged at 259p, or P&O, up 3p at 628p.

Those seen as possible candidates to follow suit include **BAT Industries**, off 1p to 431p, **BTR**, up 4p to 376p, and **Hanson**, up 1p to 227p.

Charter Consolidated rose 14p to 648p after excitement about Minorco's plan to sell its 35.7 per cent stake for £235.5 million, representing 622p a share. Charter, which also unveiled an exceptional gain-related jump in full-year profits, said that its buy-out plan would benefit earnings per share in both the current year and the longer term.

United Biscuits lost 6½p to 396p after BZW changed its recommendation on the stock from a hold to a sell, prompted by the share price's recent bid rumour-driven advance.

Lucas Industries firmed 1½p to 136½p before an analysts' trip today. **AB Ports** fell 22p to 417p after reports of a Kleinwort Benson downgrade. Another profits warning from **Spring Ram**, its third within a year, upset the City and sent shares in the bathrooms and kitchens group 8½p lower to 52½p, giving a two-day slide of 16½p.

News that bid talks were off at **Fenner**, the power transmission to conveyor belts group, saw the shares slide to 73p, down 9p. **Alexon**, the relisted fashion group, fell 13p to 65p as trading resumed in the wake of a £16.4 million cash call to underpin its recovery plans.

Reuters, bolstered by healthy transaction figures for its Dealing 2000-2 foreign exchange system, continued its bull run. The shares pushed through the £14 barrier, adding 19p to £14.02, giving a three-day gain of 72p.

Carpetright, Sir Phil Harris's newcomer, made a healthy stock market debut, climbing from the offer price of 148p to finish at 165½p, giving a 17½p premium, on volume of 22 million shares. The size of the premium surprised some analysts who had suggested that the float price was set on the high side.

Redland climbed 10p to 466p, again buoyed by recovery prospects and Smith New Court's recommendation earlier this week for a switch into the stock from **RMC Group**, 7p weaker at 743p.

☐ *GILT-EDGED:* Government stocks had a quiet morning, but there was a strong rally in the afternoon, with rumours of a big buyer, said to be from the Far East or Middle East. Longer dated stocks finished strongly in moderate trading. On the futures market, the September series of the long gilt ended 10 ticks higher at £106 12/32, on a volume of 35,000 contracts.

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Oil shares hit as Dow slides in early trade

New York — Wall Street shares continued to follow a lower trend in early trading, with downward price pressure taking a bite out of oil stocks, analysts said. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 16.33 points to 3,481.20. Declining issues led advancing shares by almost nine to eight. Michael Metz, of Oppenheimer and Co, said: "It's a random day without much sound or fury."

☐ **Tokyo** — Shares ended mixed in lacklustre trade, in the thinnest volume since early March. Investors were reluctant to move, waiting for fresh incentives to buy while political uncertainty and currency market volatility weighed heavily on sentiment, brokers said. The Nikkei average was down 45.78 points to 19,492.52.

☐ **Hong Kong** — Share prices closed higher, but gains were trimmed by selling after the Sino-British Joint Liaison Group communiqué failed to mention any agreement on infrastructure projects. The Hang Seng index closed at 7,062.64, up 15.91 points.

☐ **Singapore** — Shares rebounded on bargain-hunting earlier. The Straits Times industrial index ended 3.43 points higher at 1,791.11.

☐ **Sydney** — The all-ordinaries index closed at 1,698.8, 17.9 points down. (Reuter)

	Jun 23 midday	Jun 22 close
AMP Inc	63¾	63⅝
AMR Corp	61⅛	60⅝
Abbott Labs	25⅞	26
Aetna Life	54⅝	54⅝
Ahmanson (HF)	17¼	17¼
Air Prod & Chem	40⅛	40⅛
Albertson's	52⅜	52⅝
Alcan Aluminum	19¼	19⅝
Alco Standard	49⅛	49⅝
Allied Signal	66	66
Alum Co of Am	67⅝	67⅝
Amax	22⅛	22⅛
Amerada Hess	48⅜	49⅛
Amer Brands	33⅛	33⅛
Amer Cyanamid	52⅝	53⅝
Amer El Power	36⅜	36⅛
Amer Express	30⅛	30⅜
Amer Genl Corp	32⅝	32⅞
Amer Home Pr	66	66⅛
Amer Intl	129⅛	129⅝
Amer Stores	44⅝	45⅝
Amer T & T	62⅞	61⅞
AmeriTech	80	80⅛
Amoco	55⅝	56⅛
Anheuser-Busch	49⅛	49⅝
Apple Computer	40⅞	41⅛
Archer Daniels	23⅝	24⅜
Arkla	9⅛	9⅝
Armco	6⅞	7⅛
Armstrng Wrld	31	31
Asarco	19⅛	19⅝
Ashland Oil	25⅞	25
Atl Richfield	116⅜	119⅝
Auto Data Pro	47⅛	47
Avery Dennison	29⅝	29⅝
Avon Products	56⅛	56⅝
Baker Hughes	26⅝	27⅝
Baltim Gas & El	24⅝	24⅞
Banc One	54⅞	55⅝
BankAmerica	44	44⅝
Bank of NY	57⅞	57⅛
Bankers Tr NY	77⅛	70⅝
Barnett Banks	47⅛	47⅛
Bausch & Lomb	49	49⅛
Baxter Intl	28⅜	28⅛
Becton Dicknsn	38⅝	38
Bell Atlantic	57⅝	57¼
BellSouth	54⅛	54⅝
Black & Decker	20⅛	20
Block (H&R)	36⅝	36⅝
Boeing	38⅝	38⅝
Boise Cascade	24⅛	24⅝
Borden Inc	18⅛	18⅝
Bristol Myrs Sq	58⅝	58⅝
Browning Ferris	26	26⅝
Burlington Nthn	51⅛	50⅝
CBS	228⅝	232⅝
CNA Financial	94	93⅞
CPC Intl	41⅞	41⅛
CSX	68⅝	68⅛
Campbell Soup	39⅝	39⅝
Can Pacific	16⅞	16⅛
Cptl Cities ABC	507	527
Cptl Holdings	38⅝	39⅝
Carolina Pwr	32⅝	32⅛
Caterpillar	73⅝	74⅛
Central & SW	31⅛	31⅛
Champion Intl	33	32⅝
Chase Manhat	30⅛	30⅝
Chemical Bk	39⅝	40⅝
Chevron Corp	86⅛	88⅝
Chrysler	45⅞	45⅝
Chubb Corp	83⅝	84⅝
Cigna Corp	59⅝	59⅝
Citicorp	28⅝	29⅛
Clorox	48⅛	48⅛
Coastal Corp	26⅛	27⅛
Coca Cola	41⅛	41⅛
Colgate-Palmolive	56⅝	57⅛
Columbia Gas	24⅝	25⅝
Commonw Ed	28⅛	28
Compaq Comp	52⅝	57⅛
Comp Ass Int	27⅝	28⅛
ConAgra	25⅝	25⅝
Cons Edison	34⅝	34⅝
Cons Nat Gas	52⅝	52⅝
Cons Rail	54⅝	53⅛
Cooper Inds	51	51⅛
Corning Inc	34⅛	34⅛
Crown Cork	39⅝	39⅝
Dana Corp	53⅝	52⅛
Dayton Hudson	63⅝	63⅝
Deere	64⅝	64⅛
Delta Air Lines	47⅝	47
Deluxe Corp	38	38⅛
Detroit Edison	33⅝	34
Digital Equip	39⅝	39⅝
Dillard Dept St	35⅝	36⅛
Disney (Walt)	42	43⅝
Dominion Res	43⅛	43⅛
Donelley (RR)	29⅝	30
Dover Corp	47⅝	47⅝
Dow Chemicals	56⅝	56⅝
Dow Jones	27⅛	27⅝
Dresser	23⅝	23⅝
Duke Power	39⅝	39⅝
Dun & Brdstreet	58	58⅝
Du Pont	48⅝	49⅛
Eastman Kodak	52⅛	52⅝
Eaton Corp	93	91⅛

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Emerson Elec	59⅝	60
Engelhard Corp	35⅝	35⅝
Enron Corp	61⅝	61½
Entergy Corp	35	34⅛
Ethyl Corp	28⅝	28⅝
Exxon	65⅝	66⅛
FMC Corp	43⅝	43⅝
FPL Group	37⅝	37⅝
Federal Express	45⅞	45⅝
Fed Nat Mrtge	80⅝	80⅝
First Chicago	40	40⅛
First Interstate	60⅝	60⅛
First Union Rlty	10⅛	10⅝
Fleet Finl Grp	32⅝	32⅝
Fluor Corp	42⅝	42⅛
Ford Motor	50⅝	51⅛
GTE Corp	36⅝	36⅛
Gannett	48⅝	49⅝
Gap Inc Del	30⅝	30⅛
Gen Cinema	35⅝	35⅝
Gen Dynamics	95⅞	95⅛
Gen Electric	96	95
Gen Mills	63⅝	64
Gen Motors	43⅝	43⅝
Gen Reinsurance	112⅝	113⅛
Gen Signal	67	67⅛
Genuine Parts	34⅛	34⅛
Georgia Pac	58⅝	58
Gillette	49⅝	49⅝
Glaxo ADR	16⅝	17⅝
Goodrich (BF)	43⅝	43⅝
Goodyear Tire	38⅝	38⅝
Grace (WR)	39⅝	39⅝
Grt Atl Pac Tea	32	32⅝
Great Wstn Fin	16⅝	16⅝
Halliburton	39	39⅝
Heinz (HJ)	36⅝	36⅝
Hercules	75⅝	75⅝
Hershey Foods	49⅝	49⅝
Hewlett Packard	80⅝	81⅛
Hilton Hotels	47⅛	47⅝
Home Depot	41⅝	41⅛
Homestake Mng	18	17⅛
Honeywell	36⅛	36⅛
Household Intl	66⅝	66⅛
Houston Inds	42⅝	42⅝
Humana	10⅛	10⅛
ITT Corp	85	85
Illinois Tool	37⅛	37⅝
INCO	22⅝	23
Ingersoll Rand	34⅛	34⅝
Inland Steel	28⅝	27⅛
Intel Corp	55	55⅛
IBM	48⅝	49⅛
Intl Flav & Fr	113⅛	114⅝
Intl Paper	64⅛	64⅛
James River Va	20⅝	20
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	41⅝	41⅛
K Mart	19⅛	20⅛
Kellogg	53⅝	54⅝
Kerr-McGee	50⅝	51
Kimberly-Clark	48⅝	47⅛
Knight-Ridder	52⅝	52⅝
Lilly (Eli)	48⅛	47⅝
Limited Inc	21⅛	21⅛
LIN Brdcstng	98⅝	98⅝
Lincoln Nat	75⅝	75⅝
Litton	64⅝	64⅛
Liz Claiborne	30⅛	30⅝
Lockheed Corp	64⅛	63⅝
Louisiana Pac	30⅝	30⅝
MCI Commun	55⅝	55⅝
Marriott	24⅛	25
Marsh & McLnn	85⅝	85⅝
Masco Corp	30	30⅛
May Dept St	36	35⅝
Maytag Corp	15⅝	15
McCaw Cellular	41	41⅛
McDonalds	48⅝	48⅝
McDonnell D	72⅝	72⅝
McGraw Hill	58⅝	58⅝
Mead Corp	45⅝	44⅛
Medtronic	64⅛	65⅝
Mellon Bk	55⅛	55⅛
Melville Corp	44⅛	45⅝
Merck Inc	35⅝	36⅛
Merrill Lynch	76⅛	75⅝
Minnesota Mine	108⅛	108⅛
Mobil Corp	73⅛	74⅝
Monsanto	57⅝	57⅝
Morgan (JP)	66⅛	66⅝
Motorola Inc	83	83⅝
Natl Medical	9⅝	9⅝
Natl Semi	15⅝	16
Natl Service Ind	25⅝	25⅝
Navistar Int C	2⅞	2⅞
NBD Bancorp	32	31⅝
NY Times A	24⅛	23⅝
Newmont Mng	48⅝	48⅛
Niag Mohawk	23⅝	24
Nike B	55⅝	57
NL Industries	3⅝	3⅛
Nordstrom	26⅛	26⅛
Norfolk Sthrn	63⅝	63⅛
Nthn State Pwr	44⅛	44⅛
Norwest Corp	50⅝	50⅝
Nynex Corp	90⅝	90⅝
Occidental Pet	20⅝	21⅛
Ohio Edison	24⅝	24⅛
Oracle Systems	43⅝	43⅝

	Jun 23 midday	Jun 22 close
Oryx Energy Co	21⅛	21⅝
Owens Corning	40⅞	40⅝
PNC Financial	31	31⅞
PPG Industries	69	68⅞
Paccar Inc	59	59
Pacificorp	18⅞	18⅞
Pac Enterprises	24⅝	24⅝
Pac Gas & Elect	33⅛	33⅝
Pac Telesis	47⅝	47⅝
Pall Corp	17⅞	17⅞
Panhandle East	23⅝	23⅝
Paramnt Commn	54	53⅝
Parker Hannifin	33⅝	33⅝
Penney (JC)	44⅛	44⅞
Pennzoil	64⅛	65⅝
Pepsico	36⅝	36⅝
Pfizer	69⅝	69⅝
Phelps Dodge	43⅝	45
Philadel Elec	30	29⅞
Philip Morris	47⅝	47⅝
Phillips Pet	29⅝	30
Pitney Bowes	40⅝	40⅝
Polaroid	37⅞	38⅝
Price Co	34	33⅝
Primerica	46⅛	46
Procter & Gmbl	49⅝	49⅝
Pub Serv E & G	33	33⅛
Quaker Oats	72⅝	72⅝
Ralston Purina	45⅛	45⅝
Raychem Corp	41⅛	41⅞
Raytheon	59⅝	59⅝
Reebok Intl	28⅝	28⅝
Reynolds Metals	44⅛	45
Roadway Srvcs	53⅝	53⅝
Rockwell Intl	33⅝	33⅝
Rohm & Haas	55⅞	58
Royal Dutch	92⅝	93
Rubbermaid	29⅝	29⅝
Safeco Corp	56⅞	56½
St Paul's Cos	79⅝	79⅝
Salomon Inc	37⅝	37⅝
Santa Fe S Pac	16⅛	16⅝
Sara Lee Corp	24⅝	24⅝
Seecorp	24⅝	24⅝
Schering Plough	67⅛	67⅝
Schlumberger	66⅝	67
Scott Paper	32⅝	32⅝
Seagram	27⅞	27⅝
Sears Roebuck	53	53⅝
Shell Trans	58⅝	58⅝
Sherwin Wlms	32⅝	32
Skyline Corp	16⅝	16⅛
Snap-On-Tools	38	38
Southern Co	41⅛	41⅛
Sthwestern Bell	37⅝	37⅝
Sprint Corp	33	33⅝
Stanley Works	45⅝	45⅝
Sun Company	24	24⅝
Suntrust	45⅝	46⅛
Supervalu	34⅛	34
Syntex Corp	18⅞	18⅛
Sysco Corp	26	25⅝
TRW Inc	63	63⅝
Tandem Comp	11⅛	11⅞
Tandy Corp	29⅝	29⅝
Telecom Corp	4	4
Teledyne	20⅝	20⅝
Temple Inland	44⅝	43⅝
Tenneco	49⅝	49⅝
Texaco	62⅝	64⅛
Texas Inst	68⅝	69
Texas Utilities	44⅝	44⅝
Textron	54⅛	54⅝
Time Warner	38⅝	39
Times-Mirror	29⅝	29⅝
Timken	34	34
Torchmark	53⅝	53⅛
Toys R Us	36⅝	36⅝
Transamerica	52⅛	52⅝
Travelers Corp	31⅛	31
Tribune	54⅛	54⅛
Tyco Labs	41⅛	41⅝
UAL Corp	121	118
UST Inc	28⅝	28⅝
USX Marathon	17⅝	17⅝
Unilever NV	107⅞	107⅝
Union Camp	42⅝	41⅝
Union Carbide	19⅝	19⅛
Union Pacific	62	61⅛
Unisys Corp	11⅛	11⅛
USAir Group	16⅛	15⅝
USF&G Corp	17	16⅝
US Life	39⅝	39⅝
US West	44⅝	44⅝
United Tech	54⅝	54⅞
Unocal Corp	30⅝	31
Upjohn	29⅝	29⅝
VF Corp	49	48⅝
WMX Tech	32⅝	33⅝
Wal-Mart Stores	25⅝	24⅝
Warner-Lambert	70⅝	70⅝
Wells Fargo	104⅛	105⅝
Westinghouse El	14⅛	14⅝
Weyerhaeuser	41⅛	41⅛
Whirlpool	53⅛	49⅝
Whitman	13⅝	13⅝
Winn Dixie	56	56⅝
Woolworth	27⅝	27⅝
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	34⅛	34⅝
Xerox	77⅝	77⅝

COMPANY NEWS

FOSTER (JOHN) (Fin) Pre-tax: £5.1m loss EPS: 45.4p loss Div: Nil (0.5p)	Pre-tax loss in previous year was £381,000, with losses per share of 3.5p. Preference dividends will be withheld.
GUARDIAN GROUP 8(Int) Pre-tax: £78,000 EPS: 0.364p Div: Nil	No comparative figures given as an acquisition has significantly changed structure of the group. Turnover was £1.59 million.
KEWILL SYSTEMS (Fin) Pre-tax: £435,000 EPS: 0.6p loss Div: Nil (nil)	Profits in previous year were £2.42 million, with earnings of 19.91p a share. Company will seek to eliminate deficit on reserves.
LEARMONTH/BURCHETT Pre-tax: £1.61m EPS: 7p (0.7p) Div: Nil (nil)	Final results. Profits last time were £303,000. Cash balances at year-end were £2.1 million. Expansion of company on schedule.
NMC GROUP (Fin) Pre-tax: £7.1m (£5m) EPS: 8.03p (5.91p) Div: 1.5p, mkg 2p	Total dividend in previous year was 1.25p. There was an extraordinary charge of £2.25m, mainly against closures.
QUALITY CARE HOMES Pre-tax: £1.49m EPS: 7.67p (6p) Div: 1.50p (nil)	Interim results. Interim profits were £835,000 last time. Rate of occupancy at April 30 was 96.2 per cent.
SHOPRITE GROUP (Int) Pre-tax: £1.69m (£1m) EPS: 1.91p (1.27p) Div: 0.6p (0.4p)	Profits include £209,000 surplus from property disposals. Company plans change of year-end to December 31.
WESTPORT GROUP (Fin) Pre-tax: £8,000 EPS: 0.14p Div: Nil (nil)	Losses in previous year were £1.25 million, restated under new accounting standards. Gearing was 11.5 per cent at year-end.

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:	
Boddington	286p (+13p)
JA Devenish	367p (+85p)
Mansfield	850p (+15p)
Whitbread 'B'	980p (+10p)
NSM	79p (+10p)
Redland	466p (+10p)
Tilbury Douglas	605p (+10p)
Courts Furn	613p (+91p)
Kingfisher	613p (+13p)
Mitel	272p (+20p)
Unidare	335p (+27p)
Liberty Life	949p (+12p)
BICC	400p (+11p)
FALLS:	
Frogmore	404p (-17p)
Greenalls Group	358p (-28p)
Wellcome	686p (-23p)
JW Spear	510p (-65p)
Wagon Ind	377p (-40p)

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RECENT ISSUES

AG Holdings (125)	122	-3
Bruntcliffe Aggregates (25)	38	-1
Carpetright (148)	165½	...
China Inv Trust (100)	94	...
China Inv Warrants	53	...
Crabtree (150)	203	-1
Division Group (40)	77	-1
Drew Scientific (105)	130	+5
Fine Decor (210)	252	...
First Spanish Wrnts 1997	12½	...
Inveresk (150)	170	-1
Ivory & Sime ISIS Tst (100)	97½	...
Nthrn Ireland Elec (100)	126	-1
OGC (130)	125	...
Phonelink (155)	236	+1
Quayle Munro (118)	137	-1
RJB Mining (250)	229	...
RPC (125)	168	...
Riv & Mer Extra Zero Pf	103½	...
Sphere Inv Units	795	...
Sungard Data	£20	...
Suter Warrants	41	...

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ECONOMIC VIEW

The Bundesbank should say auf Wiedersehen ERM

The legendary discipline of the Bundesbank looks increasingly like rigidity but Anatole Kaletsky believes it still holds the key to German recovery

Turning a deaf ear: Dr Schlesinger may yet confound his critics

The German Bundesbank is becoming a laughing stock in worldwide financial markets. The mark is now the world's weakest currency, falling sharply not only against the yen and the dollar but also against the major currencies of Europe. Germany has the second highest inflation, after Italy, among the G7 countries and the leading economies of Europe. The Bundesbank's generous money-supply targets are being missed. Yet the financial markets take it for granted that it will soon lower key interest rates, however badly it is failing in its efforts to stabilise prices, monetary growth and the external value of the mark.

With every day that passes the argument put forward by George Soros in this column two weeks ago seems more plausible: the Bundesbank has capitulated in its battle against inflation and it is time to declare an open season for speculation against the mark. In effect, the German authorities are locked in a sort of slow-motion replay of White Wednesday. As an analysis this morning from Alison Cottrell, of Midland Global Markets, pointed out, the German economy is now so weak that, even if the Bundesbank had the political courage to raise interest rates to defend the mark against speculation, it would have no more success than Norman Lamont did last September. As another London analyst puts it: "The market would just laugh in the Buba's face."

As recently as two weeks ago, views of this kind were so unusual that Mr Soros's article created a worldwide sensation. But today, there is hardly an analyst or dealer in the world who disagrees with the main thesis. From Tokyo and New York to London and Frankfurt the cry has gone out: sell marks and laugh at the Bundesbank.

For Helmut Schlesinger, the outgoing Bundesbank president, this worldwide derision must be profoundly depressing, perhaps even shaming. Yet it also presents one final opportunity to put the German economy back on a non-inflationary course. The markets are complacent, the speculators are over-extended and the French government, whose devotion to European monetary union lies at the heart of the Bundesbank's problems, is puffed up with pride at having undercut German interest rates. For the Bundesbank, it would be a perfect moment to catch its enemies unawares. But yesterday, as if to underline its indecisiveness and weakness, the Bundesbank lowered its key market rate by a derisory 0.01 points. Today, Dr Schlesinger looks like the John Major of central banking.

How different things looked in August 1991, when Dr Schlesinger took office. He had the reputation of being the toughest inflation-fighter even in that inflation-obsessed institution. He was expected not only to restore price stability, but also the authority of the Bundesbank. In both respects, he seems to have failed. German inflation was 4.1 per cent in August, 1991. Today it is 4.2 per cent. Two years ago, Germany had the lowest inflation in Europe and the G7. Today its inflation is the second highest in both groups.

Inflation, of course, is a lagging indicator: the seeds of the German problem were planted well before Dr Schlesinger took over — and they were sown by the German government, not the Bundesbank. But the performance has been just as bad in terms of the one objective that has always been central to the Bundesbank's operations, and to which Dr Schlesinger has attributed the greatest importance: money supply growth. The Bundesbank has missed its money supply targets in 16 of the 22 months since Dr Schlesinger became president — despite a spectacular widening of those targets to accommodate past overshooting.

On the Bundesbank's reputation, the record also speaks for itself. Not only are German wage bargainers ignoring the Bundesbank's promise to cut inflation to 2 per cent but, just as importantly, politicians in France and other European countries are bypassing the Bundesbank and sucessfully pressing Chancellor Kohl to create a European monetary union to be run not on German, but on French, Belgian and even Italian terms.

How do these visions of monetary union differ? At present it boils down to one critical issue. Germany has long seen the strength of the mark against the dollar as a crucial component of monetary stability. France, Italy and most other European countries, by contrast, want only to prove that their currencies are as strong as the mark. The French, in particular, would love to see a drastic devaluation of all EC currencies against the dollar and yen, provided they could preserve the franc-mark parity. For France, in fact, a further weakening of the mark and the franc against the dollar is an indispensable condition for preserving the so-called *franc fort*.

Therein lies the opportunity — and the need — for the Bundesbank to make a last stand. France, Italy, Britain and other European countries all need further devaluations against the dollar and yen because their export sectors are too small relative to the size of their economies. This is especially true of France since a large part of its export earnings come from unsustainable farm trade and because its industries are suffering acute competitive pressure from Italy, Britain and Spain.

But Germany needs exactly the opposite structural change. If the east is to be rebuilt without even faster inflation, Germany needs to redirect resources from its export sector into housebuilding, infrastructure and non-tradable services. The only non-inflationary way of achieving such a transformation is to have a high mark. The best way for Germany to restructure its economy would be to let the mark rise sharply against other European currencies, while maintaining a competitive level against the dollar and yen. The Bundesbank took a step in this direction by forcing Britain and Italy out of the ERM. But the anti-inflationary benefits of the mark's rise against the lira and sterling have been completely undone by its weakness against the dollar and yen.

As long as the franc-mark link holds, the mark will remain under pressure against the dollar. Yet the need for a strong mark against the dollar is all the greater if Germany cannot revalue its currency against its biggest trading partner, France. In the long run, of course, the mark can be revalued in *real* terms if Germany has steadily higher inflation than France, Italy, Britain and its other trading partners. Surprisingly, that seems to be the course the Bundesbank has chosen.

Dr Schlesinger could still prove his detractors wrong — but only by raising German interest rates. The German economy is nowhere near as weak as Britain's was last September and the market would not laugh in the Bundesbank's face. Instead, such a move would stun George Soros, the French government and everyone else who is relying on falling German rates and a weakening mark. Even a small rise in German rates would probably now be enough to break up the ERM.

With the franc-mark link severed, the German currency would rise, at least initially, against the dollar as well as the franc and the pound. The breakup of the ERM would tighten the squeeze on German manufacturers. But once the franc-mark link was broken, the Bundesbank could accelerate the cuts in German interest rates. The restructuring of the German economy would proceed in a less inflationary manner. And Dr Schlesinger would have the last laugh.

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Premium ale

THERE is a terrible sense of urgency about Greenalls' offer for JA Devenish and it should start ringing alarm bells throughout drinks retailing. Greenalls admits it is paying a full price, an eye-watering 38 per cent premium to net assets, but argues that it needs to make a strategic leap now to keep pace with the rapid consolidation in the business and demand better terms from the national brewers. This is the sort of logic that drove other service businesses into poverty in the eighties.

Greenalls says the deal will not dilute earnings, but the combined group will need to cut overheads quickly and wring big savings out of suppliers to achieve that. A poor summer in the South West this year or next would spoil things. Even if Greenalls succeeds in merging the Devenish estate into its own, the best outcome will be earnings neutrality, hardly the most attractive basis for any acquisition.

Greenalls' shareholders subscribed to last year's rights issue in the belief it would provide funds for steady organic growth. They could be forgiven if they felt misled.

Greenalls is paying £375,000 a pub for a very mixed estate of managed and tenanted houses. Prices for good pubs have been moving higher for some time, but there is a limit to what even the most dynamic landlord can earn from his regulars to make a proper return on that investment.

Boddingtons' comes out of the Devenish affair looking by far the more attractive investment. The deal allows the group to escape from an otherwise intractable situation with an honourable profit, and frees £37.5 million for investment in its pub or nursing home businesses. With the added chance that Boddington will itself become the next target in the market's consolidation, its shares could soon regain the high premium to the sector they enjoyed before its own Devenish bid.

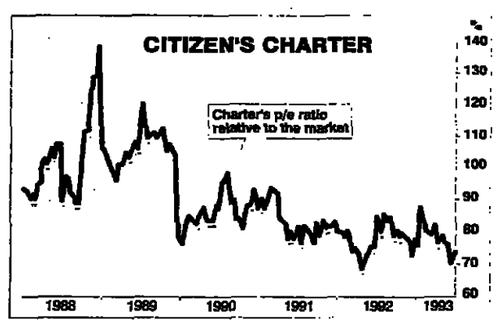
Charter

INVESTORS would normally cry foul when a company makes its main shareholder an exclusive cash offer to buy in its stake. But followers of Charter should be well pleased with the terms of the company's offer to buy out Minorco, its long-standing 36 per cent shareholder, for £236 million.

The City has puzzled over what Charter would buy with its cash balances since it placed its Johnson Mathey stake at the start of the year. Now it proposes to buy the rarest commodity of all — independence. Charter's link to Minorco has dogged the shares, which have traded on an earnings multiple up to 30 per cent below the market average for more than three years.

The buy-in reduces assets per share by 7 per cent to 519p, but will enhance earnings by an estimated 10 per cent, putting the shares on a prospective p/e ratio of 17.5.

The deal still leaves Charter poised for a substantial acquisition. After paying for Minorco's stake, Charter will be left with net cash of £146 million, and undrawn banking facilities of up to £300 million. Any target will need to be industrial, global and a market leader. Charter is unlikely to suffer any pain if it becomes modestly geared at this stage in the economic cycle. The shares are still listed in Johannesburg, and the new incarnation should prove particularly attractive to South African investors looking for a hedge against the rand.



Alexon

SHAREHOLDERS in Alexon must look back with nostalgia to last March when they believed the group had made losses of only £1 million. Given what has happened since, however, the financial and corporate restructuring suggested by new chief executive John Osborn is eminently sensible.

Stock levels of £45 million in a fashion business of this size always looked unsustainable. The £10 million provision addresses this. Combined with the group's more aggressive destocking policy, it should eradicate Alexon's chronic stock problems within 18 months.

The launch of the new Ann Harvey brand in the free-standing Dash stores is a risky move but may pay off. The Dash chain does not have a profitable future, given the emergence of lower-priced competition. Meanwhile, the £1.7 billion market for outsize ladies fashion, which Anne Harvey will target, is poorly served, with only one major national chain on the high street. This provides an exciting opportunity for the company that can offer the right product.

Even if Alexon gets it right, recovery will still be slow. The shares are trading close to the rights issue price, but are attractive to investors who are prepared to take a longer-term view.

Gestetner

RED ink may not be among the products Gestetner supplies to offices, but there was plenty in its interim results. While these losses were expected, the future is less clear. Strong profit growth in Latin America and Southeast Asia in the second half will not offset the continuing downturn in continental Europe, which accounts for 55 per cent of sales.

The group is not without appeal, as Inchcape, which took a 15 per cent stake, has demonstrated. It has substantial assets and sales approaching £1 billion. Indeed, in some markets, such as The Netherlands, it makes a 20 per cent operating margins. If it could replicate that performance elsewhere, Gestetner would earn profits of £200 million — close to its current capitalisation. Until the company can show some recovery in its main markets, the shares should be treated with caution.

Spring Ram

THE price movements of Spring Ram's shares look odd and certainly deserve probing by the Stock Exchange, but there is no evidence has emerged of leaks from the company. After one accounting upset and two profit warnings, Spring Ram looks like a company in need of new management. Despite the shocks, the company is still highly profitable and with the shares on a historic multiple of 10.5, it could attract a bid. Big companies need a different corporate culture to small ones and Spring Ram has so far failed to make the transition. In the absence of any sign of change from within, management risks having a new culture imposed by an outsider.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Indian dream comes true

EIGHT years of frustration are nearly over for Russell Middleton, one of the City's Australian exiles, who has finally seen his dream of launching an Indian investment fund come true. Middleton, who ran ANZ McCaughan for ten years and is now head of Indian operations at Credit Lyonnais Securities (Asia), has been trying to set up a fund since visiting the sub-continent in the 1980s. "It took a while to get through to the Ministry of Finance," says Middleton, who hopes the Indian Opportunities Fund, due to be launched on June 28, will attract up to $100 million from investors. He is not in the least bit fazed by last year's Bombay stock exchange scandal, arguing that it has done the local market some good. "It has strengthened the regulators' role," he says. "The market was even more of an old boys' club than the London Stock Exchange." The fund will be managed by Martin Currie, the Edinburgh fund manager, and Indbank, an Indian merchant bank.

Barclays shuffle

BARCLAYS Bank's quest for a new chief executive may result in a wry reference or two to events across the Channel, where Barclays Bank France is settling down under its third president in six months. Word in Paris wine bars is that Christian Menard, the new appointee, is a surprising choice. He was previously director of branches at Credit Lyonnais, which clocked up a record deficit of 1.8 billion francs in 1992 as a result of poor policy decisions. Jacques Rambosson stood down as president of Barclays Bank France earlier in the year to take up a post in London, and the operation had been under the caretaker reign of Carlos Martinez de Campos. Barclays has been reshaping its French network into smaller regional branches and 222 more redundancies are planned. The bank hopes all will be running smoothly by the end of next year, although recent legislation, giving greater protection to employees who are made redundant, may be a stumbling block.

Tough rival

THERE may be some life in the embattled building industry yet. So claims Stewart Milne, who runs his own construction company in the northeast of Scotland and has won this year's Scottish Business Achievements Award. Milne, 42, whose holding in Stewart Milne Group is worth about £40 million, has seen turnover rise by an impressive 40 per cent in the past year and is now planning an assault on territory south of Hadrian's Wall. Sassenach rivals take note. He was born in a little town called Tough.

Crazy golf

FOREIGN exchange dealers at Morgan Stanley have been training hard for their annual clients' golf day at Wisley, Surrey. Their zest has less to do with beating their contacts than to avoid the prizes planned for the event. The player who hits most bunkers will receive a bucket and spade. The one who hits the most balls in the water will be given a snorkel and flippers. And the contestant who loses most balls in the rough will be presented with a mini plastic Flymo.

Working abroad

THE British and Dutch are far more willing to work abroad than the French or Germans, a survey of management career moves has found. Concerns about children's education and a possible clash of interests when both partners have jobs, will most colour the decision to move. New recruits often ask for postings in other European countries to help advance their careers and are happy to accept lower pay. Hanneke Keegan of Monks Partnership, which carried out the survey, said: "I see this trend growing, with companies integrating these individuals into a small group of internationally experienced, mobile senior managers."

JON ASHWORTH

BUSINESS LETTERS

Real interest rates remain too high

From Mr Simon D. Baggott

Sir, Lord Lawson warns us that the dragon of inflation is not dead, but merely sleeping. Whilst this may be true, it is certainly sleeping soundly, as shown for example by your "Gilt Edged" feature (June 21).

The truth of the matter is that inflation remains at 1.3 per cent. The significance of this, inter alia, is in relation to interest rates, since base rate currently remains at 6 per cent. Accordingly, the real interest rate is now 4.7 per cent, which is higher than it was when base rate was 15 per cent, and the figure for inflation was 11 per cent. At that time, the high real interest rate was justified by the need for a severely deflationary policy — "If it isn't hurting, it isn't working" — and the product of this was the long recession from which we are now very slowly emerging. The maintenance of the real interest rate at this crisis level in the present economic climate does not appear to achieve any useful purpose. Rather, it is the result of the Treasury continuing to convince the government that it knows best about these things.

This says a great deal for the powers of persuasion of the Treasury, since it was the Treasury that told the government to enter and remain in the exchange-rate mechanism in the first place.

It is clear that the problems in the economy will be compounded unless there is significant growth over the next 5 years or so. There can be no such growth while real interest rates are maintained at such a very high level.

Yours faithfully,
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Promotion policy in Japan

From J.W.L. Shillidy

Sir, An article on the economic situation in Japan ("No such word as redundancy in Japanese social contract", June 18) said Japanese graduates joining big Japanese firms must "wait patiently for the significant salary increases and other benefits that come with age rather than merit ...."

In the West we would read such a promotion policy as a recipe for disaster. Yet the Japanese companies concerned are among the largest and most successful in the world. How do the Japanese do it?

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Redundancies pay directors' pensions

From Mr Alan Smallbone

Sir, Mr Michell (Letters, June 15) suggests employers will come to view defined benefit schemes as "too diverting to bother with much longer"; but there is virtually no chance of that. Every time a long-serving director is voted an extra £100,000 pay, that loads an additional £1,000,000 or so burden onto the pension fund. If he was paid £300,000 before the latest rise, the contingent cost was already £2 million or so. Easy to mop up surpluses that way ... easy too, to create them by cutting middle-aged middle managers a decade short of normal retiring age.

Yours faithfully,
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System at fault not benefit staff

From Mr Bernard Shelley

Sir, I think there is an element missed in the current discussions of the rise in sickness benefit claims in place of unemployment benefit claims (Making heavy work of data on those queuing for jobs, June 16).

Last year I was made redundant and became one of the statistics. With three month's pay in lieu of notice, I registered as unemployed but received no benefit. However, I had a serious knee injury which would have prevented me working anyway. I discovered through other sources that I was eligible for sickness benefit. There was no suggestion from the Unemployment Benefit Office that I should claim sickness benefit, indeed the hassle associated with transferring information from one office to the other suggested resistance!

Hypothetically, if I was now still unemployed, my unemployment benefit would have run out as it is only paid for a year. If I was aware of the alternative it would be tempting to ask my GP to sign me off. Blame, then, not the benefit office staff, but the system which limits the duration of unemployment benefit and makes it more attractive and, indeed, possible to claim a higher benefit.

Happily I am now fully recovered both from the knee injury and my unemployment.

Yours faithfully,
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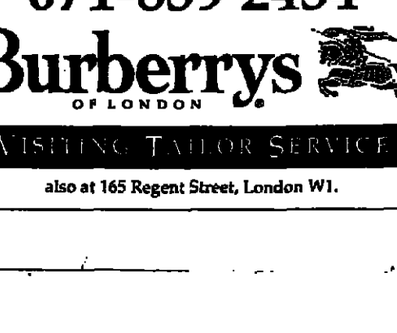

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US threatens retaliation over Japanese barriers

BY A CORRESPONDENT

■ Japan must address alleged discrimination against foreign companies in public construction contracts by the end of June or risk retaliation by Washington

MICKEY KANTOR, the US trade representative, yesterday urged Japan and other major trading partners to open their markets wider and warned Tokyo of retaliation if it did not change its construction policy.

Mr Kantor talked to officials, businessmen and reporters in Tokyo, where he was joining trade officials from Japan, the European Community and Canada for a four-way trade meeting yesterday and today.

"We cannot deal alone," Mr Kantor said. "Our trading partners must take their share of the responsibility." The US had its own obligation to cut its structural deficit to help global economic growth, he said.

In late April, Mr Kantor cited Japan under US trade law for bias against foreign companies in public construction contracts and said Japan would have 60 days to end alleged discriminatory practices or Washington could take further action that could curb Japan's exports to the US.

Yesterday, Mr Kantor repeated that warning, saying that the US would take "appropriate actions" if Japan did not deal with construction issues effectively by the end of this month.

Japan-US economic relations must be improved, said Mr Kantor, who urged Japan to accept more direct foreign investment and manufactured imports.

The US especially wants Japanese government procurement of items such as supercomputers, satellite and medical equipment and architectural engineering to be fair and transparent, he said.

Mr Kantor said that the US was considering a range of ways to measure improvement of trade in any sector but had not reached agreement with trade partners on their introduction.

The Japanese government opposes such measures, including quantitative standards, saying that they could lead to managed trade.

"We're not trying to manage trade. We're trying to stimulate trade," Mr Kantor said.

When asked about the possibility that Japan's general election on July 18 will see the Liberal Democrats lose the monopoly on power held since 1955, Mr Kantor said that Washington would welcome any Japanese government advocating opening up its trade with the US. Left-wing parties are not expected to win the election, and drastic changes in trade policies are unlikely, analysts said.

The four-way meeting is intended to bring agreement on market access, lower industrial tariffs and rules for trade in services such as banking and shipping and to prepare an agreement to be considered at the Group of Seven summit early next month in Tokyo. Mr Kantor said he was hopeful about the meeting. "We'll try to reach a market access package by the G7," he said.

Japan's government and steelmakers said they could not accept the US decision on final dumping duties on steel products, insisting that Japanese products are not sold unfairly cheaply in the US. The US Commerce Department on Tuesday announced final dumping duties on steel products from 19 nations, including Japan. Tokyo may request a dispute-settlement panel under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade if it fails to convince the US that it does not dump products.

The US rulings followed industry and union complaints that Japanese steelmakers dumped products. The duties will be imposed if the International Trade Commission, another US agency, finds within 45 days that the Japanese imports damage the US steel industry.

Yohei Kono, Japan's chief cabinet secretary, said: "It is hard to think Japanese products damaged the US steel industry because they were exported under the bilateral voluntary restraint agreements."

US earbashing: Mickey Kantor warns Japan

BTP sets sights on revival at MTM

BY MARTIN FLANAGAN

BTP, the speciality chemicals and industrial group, said yesterday that the consolidation of the MTM chemicals business, acquired for £100 million two months ago, will be its major goal over the next couple of years.

Frank Buckley, BTP's chairman, said the aim was to stem the losses and invigorate the MTM operations to bestow profit growth comparable to that of the parent group.

Of the businesses acquired from MTM — not included in BTP's latest results as they were bought after the year-end — four operations made a total profit of £10.6 million in their last trading year, one broke even, and two made losses totalling £4.8 million.

Mr Buckley was speaking as BTP unveiled a 13 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £20.5 million (£18.2 million last time) on sales up 19.2 per cent at £208.8 million in the year to end-March.

The improvement came despite difficult trading across many BTP markets and a maintained capital expenditure programme of £10.7 million. A further £10 million has been earmarked for this year.

The numbers were also struck after exceptional charges of £1.34 million. This figure was partly due to losses of £700,000 on discontinued businesses and closure of obsolescent plant, and about £100,000 of bad debts, mainly linked with the travails of Leyland DAF. BTP makes rubbing mouldings for DAF vehicles.

The better performance at BTP means a rise in the final dividend to 6.05p (5.75p), making a total payout of 9.3p (8.85p). Earnings per share fell slightly from 14.81p to 14.13p.

At the operating level, the biggest contributor, as usual, was chemicals. Profits rose to £12.6 million from £11.2 million last time. The biocides arm moved profits ahead to £4.6 million (£4.1 million), and the industrial division was static at £4.1 million.

BTP's debts-to-shareholder funds ratio was 2 per cent before its £72.2 million rights issue in April. This has now risen to around 25 per cent, given the £100 million purchase price of MTM.

The shares rose 4p to 254p as the market responded favourably to the positive trading figures and upbeat statement on MTM.

Travel arm hits profits at Hogg Robinson

BY SARAH BAGNALL

RECORD results from the financial services and transport businesses helped contain a £1.9 million fall in pre-tax profits to £13.3 million at Hogg Robinson.

Earnings per share in the year to March 31 fell slightly from 14.01p to 14p. The final dividend has been lifted from 3.8p to 4p, making a total for the year of 6.6p, against 6.3p last time.

The best performance was in the transport division, where profits leapt 29 per cent to £6.04 million. This was followed by the financial services division's 12 per cent advance to £5.24 million. Offsetting these results was the sharp fall in the travel operation's profits from £4.45 million to £2.08 million.

Historically, travel has been the most volatile business — last year's £4.45 million profit followed a £2.63 million loss — and last week the group announced the sale of its leisure travel operation to Airtours for £25 million. This leaves Hogg Robinson with its business travel arm.

Brian Perry, chairman and managing director, said: "I am encouraged to be able to report record results from two of our three divisions." He added that travel has been hit hard by the recession, with "margins under pressure as a result of cutbacks in consumer spending and heavy competitive discounting".

However, Mr Perry said all three divisions operate in sectors with "strong growth potential". There are attractive opportunities in financial services given the "confused" world of pensions and employee benefits, he added.

NatWest to accept 80% losses on US loan

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

NATIONAL Westminster bank is about to take its worst loss on a US property loan advanced during the late eighties.

As an unsecured creditor of Peter Kalikow, the Manhattan property tycoon, NatWest Bancorp, NatWest's North American holding company, is now unlikely to get more than 20 cents back on each of the $15 million it loaned him. It was one of two unsecured creditors that sued Mr Kalikow alleging he concealed $120 million of liabilities when he bought the *New York Post* from Rupert Murdoch in 1988.

But it is now understood Mr Kalikow's creditors are close to an agreement. NatWest is likely to receive $3 million of its $15 million loan. Mr Kalikow will walk away with an estimated net worth of $3 million. He will also keep a $7 million vintage car collection, a $6 million house on Long Island, a $3.8 million apartment in New York, several other Manhattan properties and an $8.5 million yacht.

Mr Kalikow's mother and two friends have put up $21 million which unsecured creditors are believed ready to accept along with $38.5 million in cash for their claims of more than $300 million.

The agreement will mean an 80 per cent loss for the unsecured creditors who wanted Mr Kalikow to liquidate all his personal assets.

For NatWest it is thought to be the worst percentage loss on a single US loan. It lost 60 per cent on $59 million it lent to the company that owned the Harlem Globetrotters and 23 per cent on the $65 million it lent to Donald Trump.

Opec advances as Russia cuts output

BY GEORGE SIVELL, CITY EDITOR

OPEC took up more than half the increase in world oil demand last year, according to the annual BP review of world energy. Peter Davies, chief economist at BP, said: "The strong role of Opec will continue as we go through the nineties."

BP has, for the first time, included a breakdown of energy use in the former Soviet states in its calculations. These reveal a dramatic 30 per cent fall in oil consumption in the Ukraine, the secondlargest of the former Soviet republics, a 9.6 per cent drop in Russian consumption during 1992 and an overall drop in the entire former Soviet Union of 14.6 per cent.

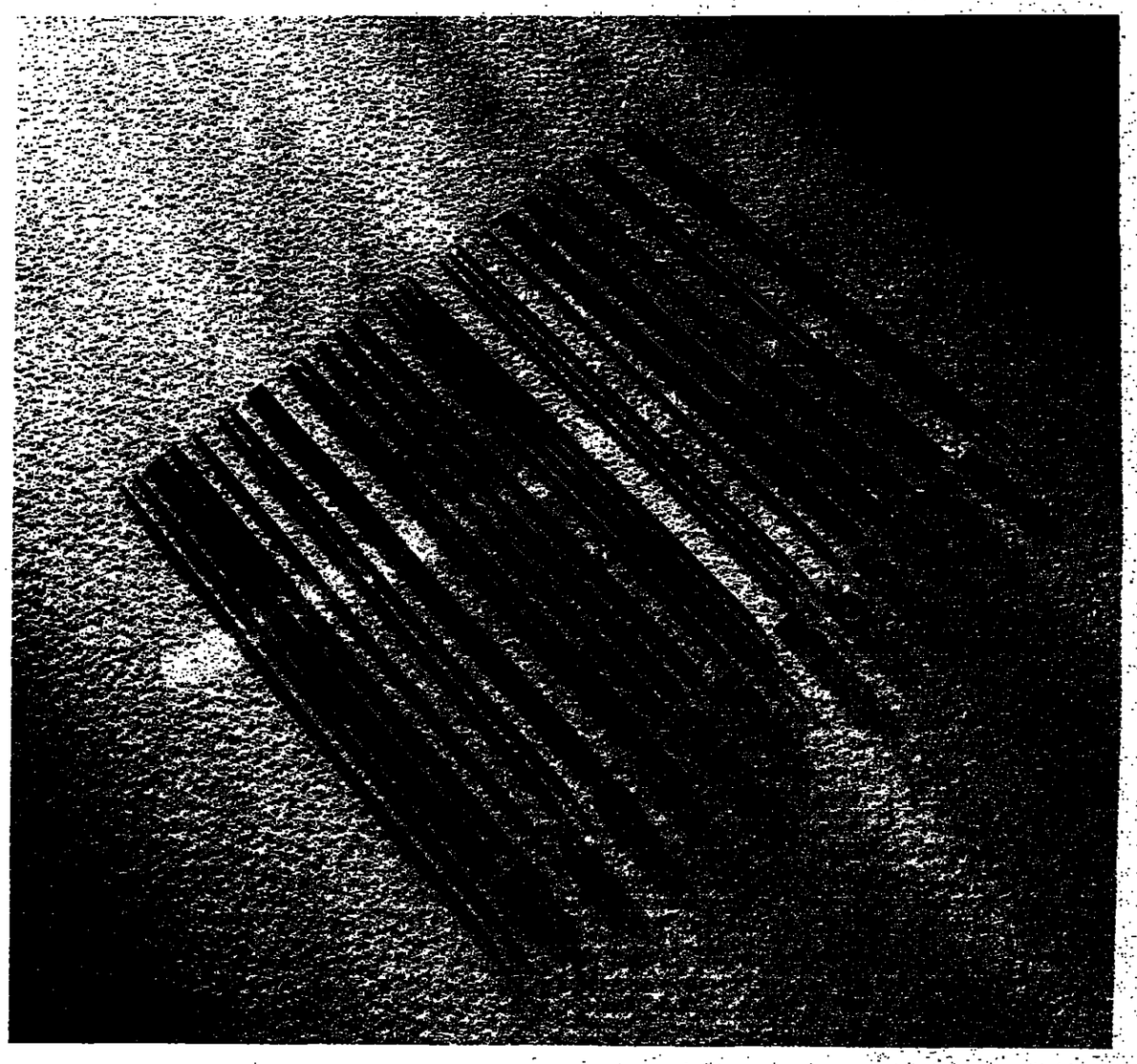
Oil production in the former superpower bloc fell 12.7 per cent, including a 14.1 per cent fall in Russia. The falls in energy use in the former bloc are less than the drop in economic activity, but BP believes that Russian oil is still in crisis because of further declines in economic activity, price reforms and the need to divert domestic production to export to bring in foreign currency.

Total energy consumption increased by 0.2 per cent in 1992. This figure masks falls in Eastern Europe and what is described as sturdy demand elsewhere. Oil production rose 0.9 per cent, and consumption rose 0.5 per cent. Natural gas consumption rose 0.3 per cent and production 0.4 per cent.

Coal production fell 0.4 per cent and consumption remained unchanged. BP says that coal worldwide suffered more from nuclear power than it did from gas, though nuclear energy consumption fell 0.5 per cent. BP says that apart from Britain's Sizewell C station, few major projects remain and that the period of high growth in nuclear power appears over.

☐ Statoil, the Norwegian state oil company, has acquired 240 petrol stations in Sweden from BP. In addition, Statoil has acquired BP's 20 per cent stake in ODAB, a Swedish oil products storage and distribution company owned jointly by several oil companies. The price and terms of the acquisition were not disclosed.

Statoil's acquisition of BP's petrol stations increases the company's Swedish market share from 18 to 26 per cent, and makes Statoil the biggest owner of petrol stations in Scandinavia with some 700 stations. Statoil will take over the petrol stations from September 30.



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176	130	Aus+NZ	170	...	...	5.1	...
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291	158	Bk of Ireland	245	...	...	5.5	∞
335	325	Bk Leumi UK	325	...	17.0	6.5	...
155	116	Bank Scotland	155	+1½	4.5	3.7	20.0
471	362	Barclays	467	+2	...	4.1	...
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668	491	HSBC	655	-4	19.0	3.6	15.7
648	474	HSBC HK	638	-5	19.0	3.7	15.2
356	243	Hambros	338	...	...	5.2	15.7
363	313	Joseph (L)	358	...	15.8	5.5	...
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431	312	Kleinwort Ben	404	-1	16.0	5.0	14.0
584	402	Lloyds	562	-7	18.4	4.0	16.4
67	63	Lon Scot Bk	33	...	3.0	4.5	16.5
451	325	Man Amer Bk	440	...	...	4.5	15.6
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397	320	Provident	380	-4	11.4	3.7	10.8
47	35	Rea Bros	43	...	8.5	1.5	45.7
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540	517	Allied-Lyons	540	-1	...	4.9	14.6
647	444	Bass	492	+5	18.9	4.4	10.7
300	180	Boddington	286	-12	7.3	3.2	16.7
415	362	Bulmer (HP)	376	+2	9.0	3.0	17.3
190	120	Burtonwood Brs	140	+3	4.4	4.0	20.2
373	301	Devenish (JA)	362	+8	7.8	2.7	30.7
102	75	Eldridge P 'A'	99	-1	...	4.2	25.8
71	50	Fosters Brewing	61	-1	...	5.3	7.1
393	338	Fuller Sm 'A'	373	...	...	2.2	15.7
480	383	Grand Met	432	+2	12.3	3.6	14.1
427	354	Greenalls Grp	358	-28	11.2	4.1	11.9
561	505	Greene King	531	...	11.6	2.7	13.8
416	440	Guinness	472	-6	...	3.1	16.8
281	230	Hardy Hansn	231	...	7.9	4.3	12.7
125	105	Henrikes	108	...	3.0	3.6	25.2
95	78	-do- 'A' LV	82	...	3.0	4.6	19.6
339	255	Highland Distl	323	...	6.0	2.1	21.5
4125	2538	Holt J	3013	+38	41.0	1.7	19.6
56	31	Hoskins Brew	56	...	...	...	40.3
333	280	Invergordn Dist	282	...	7.0	3.1	...
196	157	Macallan-Glen	170	...	8.0	0.7	38.2
465	375	Macdn Martn 'A'	380	...	...	2.0	18.1
891	685	Mansfield	850	+15	15.4	2.3	∞
263	231	Mrston Thmp	264	+8	5.4	2.6	∞
475	347	Matthew Clark	432	...	...	5.3	∞
301	253	Mrndsn W	288	...	...	2.7	20.8
540	455	Morland	540	...	8.4	1.9	21.5
12	6½	Paramount	8½	...	...	2.1	15.5
168	145	Regent Inns	160	...	...	3.5	16.0
950	753	SA Breweries	895	+10	...	3.1	∞
462	408	Scot & New	462	...	16.1	4.4	12.6
221	181	Taunton Cider	214	...	...	2.8	20.0
248	213	Vaux Group	225	+3	9.3	5.2	15.3
301	225	Wetherspoon JD	291	...	...	2.1	23.5
507	435	Whitbread 'A'	500	+3	...	4.4	12.5
1140	850	-do- 'B'	980	+10	...	2.3	24.6
613	498	Wolvrhmptn D	509	-1	11.2	2.8	14.3
515	475	Young 'A'	483	+5	14.5	3.8	20.0

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
115	73	Abbey	113	...	...	1.2	40.8
27	15	Alltrighane	21	...	...	...	...
110	87	Allen	110	...	...	5.0	∞
90	65	Amec	87	...	3.0	4.3	16.1
	4	Anglia Sec	6½	...	...	...	...
216	155	Ashtead	215	...	4.1	2.4	26.7
142	104	Aynwoods	117	...	5.0	5.3	16.9
240	180	BPB Ind	224	-1	...	4.2	56.0
49		Baggeridge Brk	77	...	3.1	5.1	25.0
41	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	26	-1	0.5	...	...
116	74	Barcom	95	...	1.2	1.6	17.2
194		Barratt Dev	147	-1	2.0	1.7	16.4
412		Bellway	407	...	...	3.7	23.6
32	15	Bellwinch	26	...	...	...	...
423	266	Berkeley Gp	395	+2	...	1.0	27.3
96	45	Ben Bros	83	...	...	0.8	...
63		Blockleys	90	...	1.0	2.1	65.2
266	180	Blue Circle	259	...	...	...	...
286	230	Boot (Henry)	278	-4	5.0	2.7	15.6
116	76	Breedon PLC	91	...	4.6	6.3	22.0
121	85	Br Dredging	115	+2	8.2	5.2	25.5
71	45	Brit Fittings	74	...	1.5	2.4	...
151	96	Bryant	138	-1	4.8	4.3	29.5
41		CALA	80	...	2.3	...	...
284	208	CRH	274	+3	...	3.4	12.4
44	22	Cakebread Rly	34	...	...	...	...
46	23	Costain	44	...	...	...	...
136		Countryside	137	...	...	3.8	35.8
30	26	Crest Nicholson	28	...	0.8	...	...
42	29	Cussins	83	...	...	...	...
		Dunton	1½	...	...	...	...
25	19½	Edmond Hldgs	19	...	0.5	4.2	...
300	175	Epwin	286	...	6.8	3.3	31.9
51	32	Erith	49	...	0.3	0.9	...
340	252	Eve Group	377	...	...	3.2	13.7
66	44	Everett Bardon	55	...	2.0	4.5	25.6
		Explaura		...	...	...	...
161		Freeman Gp	136	...	...	0.6	21.6
		Galliford	42	...	4.1	...	16.0
		Gibbs & Dandy	55	...	...	...	...
		Gleeson (MJ)	578	...	12.7	1.8	14.2
		Hewden-Stuart	119	...	...	1.4	27.2
		Heywood	40	...	2.6	...	48.8
		Heywood Wlm	292	-1	12.5	5.4	...
		Higgs & Hill	90	...	2.5	3.2	...
		Holt Gp	38	...	...	6.7	...
	15	Howard Hldgs	18	...	0.5	3.5	...
		Ibstock Johnsen	67	...	1.0	1.9	...
	12	Jarvis	19	...	...	...	...
275	196	Laing (J)	262	...	9.0	4.3	10.5
	55	Ln Chderdn	75	...	4.5	7.5	28.2
25		Lovell (YJ)	21	...	...	...	...
	240	Marley	310	...	9.0	3.5	19.5
	91	Mallett	137	+2	4.2	3.8	40.2
	61	Marshalls	91	...	...	3.5	∞
175	122	Maunders (J)	175	...	4.9	3.5	16.0
214	186	McAlpine (A)	205	...	6.5	3.0	35.6
	23	McCarthy & S	45	...	0.5	...	...
	272	Meyer Intl	345	-1	10.0	3.6	∞
	4	Midas Gp	4	...	...	...	...
120	82	Mowlem (J)	102	-1	...	2.0	5.0
	51	NSM	79	+10	...	...	...
61	36	Needler	48	...	...	3.7	23.3
160	116	Newman Tonks	142	+2	...	6.6	20.3
	192	Persimmon	250	-1	8.6	4.2	26.3
	20	Phoenix Timber	26	...	...	...	...
1425	1237	Pochin's	1412	...	20.0	2.6	4.6
	80	Prowting	125	...	1.4	3.3	...
		Quiltcolde	4	...	...	...	...
740	555	RMC Gp	741	-7	...	1.4	29.2
117	50	Raine Ind	98	-1	6.0	8.3	15.0
		Ramus	32	...	...	...	...
	412	Redland	490	+10	25.0	6.7	22.1
	74	Rokel	91	...	4.3	7.5	10.6
	207	Rugby Group	272	...	6.4	3.0	20.8
	23	Smith Rees		...	...	...	...
113		Sharpe & Fisher	113	...	...	4.4	19.6
	100	Sheffield Insl	120	+5	...	4.0	41.7
	82	Sherif Hldgs	120	...	...	2.1	17.7
	66	Shanks	72	...	...	8.0	16.6
225	162	Smart (J)	197	...	8.5	5.4	9.0
11	4½	Starmin	5	...	0.3	2.5	∞
142	103	Tarmac	139	+6	5.3	5.1	...
181	132	Tay Homes	181	...	5.8	4.0	11.6
119	82	Taylor Woodrw	105	...	1.0	1.2	...
	431	Tilbury Douglas	605	+10	31.0	6.8	∞
	19	Tops Homes	36	...	...	1.4	...
251	168	Travis Perkins	238	...	8.0	4.4	40.1
	30	Tri Group	35	...	1.0	3.6	9.0
	36	Tudor	38	...	...	1.1	...
	41	Vibroplant	60	...	3.6	6.8	12.1
65	29	Ward Hldgs	47	...	...	...	...
	25	Waterhouse	28	...	...	...	...
		Watts Blake	425	...	10.7	3.1	18.3
	8	Wescol	3½	...	...	...	...
	91	Westbury	141	+1	5.0	4.7	21.9
	2	West Scaffold	8½	...	...	...	...
	5	Wiggins	9	...	...	...	...
	371	Wilson Bowdn	422	...	8.7	2.6	29.0
	147	Wilson (C)	184	-1	3.9	2.7	31.9
	107	Wimpey G	169	+3	5.2	4.0	...
47	35	YRM	41	-1	4.0	...	4.2

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
175	161	AIT	990	...	...	...	∞
226	166	Adam & Harvey	21	...	11.0	6.5	3.3
62	56	Air London	65	...	...	6.7	3.0
54		African Lakes	51	...	2.0	4.7	...
175	125	Auto Sec	170	+6	...	3.9	30.5
117	84	BET Ord	114	+2½	3.2	3.5	...
	41	BNB Res	61	...	1.0	6.7	...
	256	BPP	291	...	8.0	3.4	16.0
	235	Barlows Index	245	...	7.2	3.7	18.2
22	15	Boswood	19	...	0.7	4.6	...
	164	Brit Data Mgt	348	-4	...	2.0	20.7
31	11	Broadcastle	21	...	...	...	16.7
	54	Brooks Service	108	...	...	...	...
	66	CRT Gp	101	+1	2.4	3.0	11.6
175	139	Capita Group	172	...	...	1.5	26.9
47	31	Cartel Plc	42	...	...	2.4	10.1
	30	Chiltern Capital	31	...	...	...	...
44		Chrysalis	41	...	...	...	...
	225	Chubb Sec	311	-1	...	1.9	20.8
	76	Comtec	80	+3	...	2.3	20.0
		Corp Services	35	...	...	...	...
	51	Dan		...	...	...	...
	215	Davis Service	235	+2	3.3	4.7	∞
	79	E/W Facto	91	...	4.5	5.0	10.4
	11	Gardiner	24	...	0.6	3.4	17.0
	31	Gardner (DC)	42	...	...	...	...
	195	Hays	225	+3	4.6	2.6	22.1
	174	Hogg Robinson	201	+1	...	4.5	...
	43	Holmes Protecn	43	-1	...	...	28
	125	Hutch Whamp	177	-1	...	2.2	...
		ISS B Dkr		...	...	...	...
		Inchcape	594	-1	...	2.4	20.6
		Johnson Clean	537	+7	25.7	3.8	∞
		Lep	9	...	...	...	...
	175	Mitie Gp	125	...	2.7	1.5	18.5
		Manpower	981	...	...	...	...
	49	Michael Page	48	...	1.3	4.7	20.4
	106	Pemsa		...	...	...	...
	2	Prime Peoples		...	...	...	...
	80	Proudfoot Alex	91	+2	...	16.5	5.0
		RCO	175	...	12.8	4.7	12.7
	101	REA	101	...	4.0	5.0	...
	43	Reed Executive	102	...	...	...	...
	118	Reliance Secs	133	...	...	4.2	17.5
	176	Rentokil	192	...	2.3	1.5	21.9
	240	Rotle & Nolan	277	...	7.2	4.2	∞
	243	Salvesen (C)	289	-1	...	2.5	16.9
	26	Scott Pickford	33	...	...	1.0	...
	164	Securiguard	180	+1	0.4	3.8	16.4
	5	Select Appts		...	...	...	...
	105	Serco Gp	640	...	14.0	1.9	26.0
	215	Sherwd Comp	236	-10	...	3.7	∞
	80	Shirecliff	95	...	...	3.8	21.2
	210	Warner Howard	317	...	6.5	2.6	16.5
45	37	Welpac	41	...	...	...	...
35	14	Wills Gp	35	...	...	0.6	28.4

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
	210	Allied Colloids	232	+3	...	2.1	19.8
	613	Amersham	781	+1	11.5	3.3	∞
	3	Anglo Utd	3	...	...	...	...
	1125	BASF DM	1415	+12	...	...	...
	189	BTP	250	+1	3.3	...	...
		Bayer DM		...	...	...	...
	154	Blagden	165	...	4.6	7.3	17.8
	93	Brent Chems	118	-1	...	8.7	9.7
	210	Br Bio-tech		...	...	...	...
	19	Laird Gp		...	...	...	...
	128	Canning (W)	138	...	7.2	6.0	15.8
	546	Courtaulds	562	+1	...	3.2	11
	226	Croda	256	...	...	3.4	18.6
	121	Doeflex	130	...	4.6	4.7	10.7
		Ellis & Everard	216	...	7.6	4.0	19.9
	16	Euro Colour	32	...	...	1.2	19.6
	250	Halstead (J)	267	...	...	3.5	14.9
	198	Hickson	241	...	...	4.7	19.6
		Hoechst	110	...	...	...	...
225	195	Halliday Chem	218	-1	...	2.1	20.1
710	608	ICI	681	-10	...	5.0	...
686	581	Laporte	629	-5	19.5	3.9	17.4
223	181	Leigh	207	...	2.8	4.9	∞
49½	38	MTM	52	...	...	...	...
1750	1462	Norsk Hydro	1700	+30	...	1.7	26.1
490	398	Pearson Zoch	447	...	11.4	3.2	19.3
400	380	-do- 'A'	398	...	11.4	3.6	11.2
296	271	Plysu	231	+2	7.0	3.8	∞
218	173	Porvair	215	...	3.0	2.1	28.0
14		Stitchting Speak	12	+1	...	...	...
448	425	Wardle Storeys	430	...	16.0	4.7	17.3
390	348	Wolstenholme R	410	...	17.0	4.5	18.1
401	355	Yorks Chem	391	+2	...	2.7	19.2
309	240	Yule Catto	266	...	5.9	2.8	16.2
637	609	Zeneca	626	...	...	3.5	37.0

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
105	63	Alexon	65	...	...	6.0	...
87	42	Amber Day	84	...	3.1	4.1	17.5
326	257	Argos Plc	326	+7	...	2.2	27.8
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	113	-2	0.1	0.1	...
306	228	Asprey	288	...	...	2.1	27.4
134	94	Austin Reed	133	...	...	2.2	...
153	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	144	...	...	5.2	14.5
121	94	Bentalls	100	...	1.9	2.4	...
228	208	Betterware	250	-3	...	1.0	29.0
36	22	Blacks Leis	26	...	2.2	8.4	∞
227	133	Body Shop	188	-3	...	1.1	34.2
16	12	Brown & Jackson	14	...	...	0.7	∞
401	318	Brown (N)	386	+3	...	2.3	22.7
96	64½	Burton	85½	...	...	2.0	...
145	126	Cantors	143	...	...	...	...
358	295	Church	355	...	12.5	4.4	31.6
183	97	Clinton Cards	138	...	4.2	3.6	16.0
247	212	Coats Viyella	246	...	...	3.6	28.3
106	78	Colourvision	96	...	...	...	16.2
613	524	Courts	613	+41	5.5	1.1	∞
156	115	Crown Eyeglass	139	...	...	5.5	6.4
118	80	Dairy Farm Intl	113	+1	...	3.0	18.0
72½	51½	Dewhirst (I)	72	...	1.0	1.7	23.3
281	194½	Dixons Grp	219	...	6.0	3.4	25.8
413	330	Dunhill	405	...	8.1	2.5	∞
21	12½	ERA Gp	16	...	...	...	...
530	400	Ely (Wimbldn)	460	...	16.0	4.5	15.4
115	71	Essex Furn	101	...	...	3.4	17.1
250	203	Etam	250	...	6.9	3.4	22.0
572	400	Fine Art Dev	572	+2	12.7	2.8	18.7
50	26	Ford Earth Tiles	38	...	...	...	...
500	408	Forminster	408	...	12.5	3.1	10.4
38	24	French Conn	37	...	...	...	...
48	21	Gabbicci	45	...	2.0	...	9.0
85	43	Gent SR	60	...	2.0	4.2	17.6
54	23	Goldsmiths Gp	51	-1	0.3	0.7	...
3063	2400	GUS	3063	+13	40.0	1.6	24.4
1745	1562	-do- 'A'	1745	+28	40.0	2.9	13.0
40	31	Hampden Grp	31	...	...	4.0	15.4
277	30	Hartstone	37	...	4.8	16.5	2.3
29	20	Helene Plc	23	...	2.0	10.7	11.1
80	20	Heritage	58	...	...	...	...
63	35	Honeysuckle	56	...	...	2.2	7.0
93	63	Jacques Vert	82	...	2.0	...	...
614	496	Kingfisher	613	+13	...	2.8	20.1
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	66	...	4.0	7.6	13.6
685	495	Liberty	638	...	7.2	1.4	75.1
320	265	Lloyds Chem	297	-2	5.5	2.3	11.2
152	120	MFI	134	...	...	3.5	17.0
365	311	Marks Spencer	338	...	...	3.0	18.6
505	445	Menzies (John)	491	+1	10.0	2.5	16.3
188	135	Moss Bros	187	...	5.5	3.7	∞
178	139	Next	169	+1½	2.5	1.8	20.2
40	15	Oliver (G)	34	-1	...	...	...
270	197	Oriflame Intl	270	+3	...	4.6	∞
63	45	Pentos	52	...	1.5	3.6	10.0
313	255	QS Hldgs	292	...	5.1	2.2	20.8
41½	11	Ratners Group	33½	+1	2.4	9.0	...
38	30	Rhino Grp	30	...	...	...	...
181	137	Sherwood Gp	178	-3	...	1.8	16.0
108	93	Sears	99	...	...	4.4	...
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	428	-2	13.4	3.9	15.1
15		Specialeyes	12	...	...	...	...
220	176	Storehouse	209	...	...	3.0	26.6
197	148	T & S Stores	164	...	5.9	4.5	12.2
133	71	Tie Rack	126	...	1.0	1.0	20.6
220	160	Time Products	216	...	7.5	4.3	18.6
100	83	Usher (Frank)	98	...	...	6.4	7.7
45	27	Vizar	35	...	1.0	3.6	10.8
40	34	Wetsuma	34	...	...	0.7	...
120	28	Wickes	115	...	...	...	51.2
76	45	Wid of Leather	76	...	...	...	...
198	146	Wyevale	180	...	...	2.8	∞
4	2	Xtra-vision	3	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
182	143	ACT Group	154	+1	...	4.3	∞
240	233	Acala	233	...	...	3.4	∞
162	38	Acorn Comps	98	...	...	...	49.7
480	385	Admiral	444	...	5.4	1.5	18.8
131	104	Alba	130	...	4.7	4.6	17.1
48	19½	Alphameric	43	+2	...	...	...
38	22	Amstrad	34	...	0.4	...	...
128	73	App Holo	79	-1	...	...	...
28	13	Arlen	23	...	...	...	...
62	35	Astec	62	...	...	...	1.0
294	250	Beales Hunter	268	...	9.2	4.4	14.0
9		Bennett & Fount	5½	...	...	...	...
403	310	BICC	400	+11	19.2	6.0	27.1
575	430	Blick	450	...	9.2	2.6	17.5
1700	1150	Borland	1588	-12	...	...	...
333	274	Bowthorpe	329	...	6.3	2.4	21.5
445	328	BT	429	-2	...	4.6	19.8
11	5	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	9½	...	0.1	1.3	∞
160	110	Burnfield	156	...	5.7	4.6	24.7
780	669	Cable Wireless	772	-5	...	2.4	19.0
21½	11½	Chloride	17	+1½	...	...	...
258	220	CML Microsys	253	...	...	2.3	∞
115	74	Comptr People	115	...	0.6	0.7	...
158	108	Cray Elect	153	+1	...	0.4	12.5
378	343	Crichley	360	-2	...	2.1	∞
119		Dale	104	-1	5.1	6.1	10.1
548	414	Delta	528	-1	...	3.3	21.7
317	205	Denmans Elec	317	-4	...	2.4	13.5
620	480	Domino	463	...	...	1.9	15.8
65	48	Dowding Mills	59	...	2.5	5.3	19.4
1040	865	Druck	988	...	...	1.2	24.1
411	358	Electrocomps	404	...	...	2.5	18.5
580	470	El Data Prc	580	...	5.1	1.1	15.6
91	63	Electron House	89	...	2.3	3.3	26.8
30	10	Emess	27½	...	...	...	...
568	442	Eurotherm	565	...	8.0	1.7	27.1
147	108	FKI	142	+1	3.0	2.6	∞
406	343	Farnell Elect	404	...	...	8.9	21.4
54	33	Feedback	48	...	...	...	...
18	9½	Ferranti	13½	...	...	...	...
203	101	First Tech	203	...	...	...	...
238	81	Forward Gp	238	+16	...	1.7	21.5
21	16	Forward Tech	16	...	...	...	...
343	284	GEC	337	-2	9.6	3.6	17.0
182	132	Graseby	167	...	...	8.2	35.1
11	7	Graystone	8	...	...	...	...
36	36	Highgate	36	...	...	...	...
189	83	INSTEM	150	...	...	2.6	10.8
388	320	Jones Stroud	378	...	...	1.8	36.5
17	8	Kembrey	15	+4	0.1	1.3	∞
323	260	Kenwood App	319	...	5.8	2.3	∞
192	47	Kewill Sys	192	+18	...	...	...
207	100	Kode	204	...	5.5	3.4	24.2
61	16	Laser-Scan	60	...	...	...	...
365	123	LSMS	288	-17	...	0.3	∞
300	240	Lec Refrig	273	...	9.0	4.1	...
170	135	Life Sciences	149	-1	3.5	3.0	16.1
269	164	Logica	256	-4	3.6	1.8	30.2
54	14	LPA Inds	44	...	...	10.0	12.4
212	177	MR Data Mngmt	177	-2	4.3	3.1	16.0
683	523	Macro 4	675	-3	...	2.4	22.7
640	522	Metrolr-Swa	590	...	...	1.9	19.3
3013	1985	Micro Focus	2313	-7	...	...	20.4
227	184	Microgen	185	...	7.2	4.9	12.6
24½		Microvitec	23	...	...	...	...
514	357	Misys	501	...	6.1	1.5	22.0
272	98	Mitel	272	+20	...	...	...
138	108	MMT Comps	119	...	...	3.7	15.1
26	16	Molyns	23	...	1.3	7.1	∞
222	202	MTL Inst	215	...	...	2.1	16.2
165	132	Muirhead Elect	128	...	3.0	2.9	15.7
116	166	Murray Enter	116	...	1.8	1.4	78.1
6412½	5225	NYNEX	6150	+75	...	...	...
188	140	Neutronics	143	...	2.6	2.3	18.4
65	42	Newmark (L)	65	...	...	...	...
118	98	Norbain	118	+11	...	1.1	17.2
75	20	Northamber	61	...	0.5	1.0	...
15½	9	Oceonics	13	...	...	...	8.4
265	195	Oxford Inst	258	...	4.5	2.2	∞
83	43	P-E Internl	75	...	1.0	1.7	...
77	29	P & P	77	+2	1.4	2.3	40.9
80	55	Peek	69	...	3.4	6.2	18.0
190	115	Pegasus	165	+2	...	4.8	42.3
9100	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9000	...	6.4	...	...
1050	725	-do- Lmp nv	1000	...	...	...	...
254	211	PhoneLink	236	+1	...	...	...
462	343	Pifco	362	...	7.7	2.1	39.2
442	303	-do- 'A' Voting	442	...	7.7	2.2	37.4
96	63	Plasmec	69	...	...	6.8	5.8
104	76	Prestec	102	...	2.4	3.0	20.6
135	103	Psion	110	...	...	2.8	29.2
329	160	Racal Elect	226	...	...	2.3	17.7
60	45	Radamec	56	...	1.0	3.3	∞
70	43	Radius	58	...	...	5.8	20.0
92	61	Real Time	77	...	...	4.9	7.0
35	18	Riva	34	...	...	...	43.1
639	488	Sage Gp	534	...	9.0	2.1	17.1
342	222	Sanderson Elec	291	...	9.0	3.9	12.4
66	46	Scanvronic	61	...	2.9	5.8	20.2
195	117	Scholes Grp	155	...	5.0	4.0	30.5
330	270	Sema Gp	302	-1	2.8	1.1	24.9
39	28	Silvermines	31	...	...	9.3	...
60	37	Soundtracks	50	...	...	5.6	16.6
2512½	1230	TDK	2400	+71½	...	1.2	∞
27	4½	TDS Circuits	11½	...	...	...	...
155	80	Telemetrix	136	+2	0.5	0.7	∞
923	809	THORN EMI	919	+1	...	4.5	18.7
111	96	Thorpe FW	103	...	2.5	3.0	10.6
103	70	Total Systems	79	...	3.0	4.9	∞
445	322	Tunstall	435	...	6.0	1.7	17.4
256	164	Unitech	242	-2	5.8	3.0	42.3
35	24	Vistec	33	-1	...	1.1	28.1
471	367	Vodafone	450	-1	...	1.9	20.4
441	368	Volex	425	+2	17.8	5.4	∞
26	11	Western Selectn	21	...	...	...	...
255	223	Wholesale Ftgs	233	...	11.7	5.8	24.1

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
467		East Midlands	435	-6	...	5.8	7.2
496	399	Eastern Elect	457	-8	16.7	4.6	11.3
356	304	Hydro-Elect	342	-4	...	4.3	12.1
509	404	London Elect	440	-10	16.8	4.7	8.6
549	458	Manweb	501	-17	...	5.4	7.0
514	429	Midlands Elec	460	-5	17.2	4.7	9.7
549	440	Northern Elec	505	-3	18.5	4.6	7.5
	385	Norweb	480	-17	...	5.4	7.3
	285	Scottish Power	322	-3	...	4.4	11.7
520	450	Seeboard	495	-13	17.2	4.4	8.9
571	460	Sth Wales	528	-13	...	5.4	8.6
532	426	Sth Western	458	-13	17.4	4.5	8.2
496	406	Southern Elec	439	-15	16.6	4.7	8.7
552	466	Yorkshire Elec	480	-7	17.7	4.5	9.1
	273	National Powr	364	-3	...	3.6	11.3
386	273	PowerGen	383	-3	...	3.4	10.5

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
	50	Aitken Hume	50	-1	0.5	...	31.9
56	47	BWD	85	+1	...	4.2	13.3
98	26	Baldie Pe	80	...	...	1.4	...
453	413	Caledonia	440	...	14.4	4.1	16.9
1500	1075	Camellia	1375	...	27.0	2.5	11.6
398	243	Candover	325	+7	10.2	4.7	19.5
109	71	Fleetfield	101	+5	...	0.6	∞
303	155	Goven	274	+4	...	5.5	8.6
153	135	Ivory Sime	152	...	6.5	5.5	∞
6½	3	LIT	3½	...	...	...	...
12	11	Lightship	12	...	...	...	...
202	154	Lon Forfaiting	200	...	8.4	5.4	14.1
61	47	Manakin	61	...	...	...	...
12½	9	Nat Home Loan	9½	...	...	...	...
50	40	Newmarket	50	...	...	...	...
276	246	Rathbone Brs	273	...	6.0	2.7	16.6
23½	17	Rutland Tst	22	...	...	4.5	13.1
300	253	S & U	286	+4	10.0	4.4	∞
70	48	Singer & Fried	67	-1	2.6	4.9	∞
975	738	Sotheby's	825	...	...	4.6	...
118	83	SIP Capital	117	+2	3.0	3.2	∞

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2050	1487½	Amer Express	2050	+50	...	...	...
978	835	Henderson Ad	890	+2	...	5.9	20.5
138	92	Invesco MIM	134	...	3.0	2.8	∞
230	164	Jardine Strat	222	...	...	3.3	10.9
196	154	MAI	196	+1	6.0	3.8	14.2
528	389	MAM	526	...	15.0	3.6	13.1
799	633	M & G	770	...	...	3.5	20.6
250	115	Smith New Ct	250	+2	4.5	2.3	9.9
81	55	Trio Hldgs	80	...	...	4.7	...

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
515	464	AB Food	485	-1	14.0	3.7	10.9
77½	53	ASDA Group	75	...	...	2.7	24.2
255	170	Acatos & Hutch	233	...	6.5	3.5	13.5
70	55	Albert Fisher	63	...	3.7	7.4	10.5
402	297	Argyll	333	+8	...	4.1	12.3
25	12	Ashley Group	14½	...	...	4.8	...
147	122	Assoc Fisheries	122	...	8.0	8.2	∞
230	160	Banks (S C)	208	...	8.2	5.0	10.4
402	310	Barr (AG)	373	...	6.5	2.2	18.8
85	57	Bensons Crps	75	...	...	4.8	16.0
141	112½	Beresford Intl	132	...	...	...	...
455	357	Booker	388	-3	...	7.0	10.9
52	36	Borthwicks	49½	...	...	3.0	61.5
505	430	Brake Bros	487	...	6.2	1.6	20.3
51	36	Budgen	45	...	...	...	15.3
511	413	Cadbury-Schw	464	+6	...	3.6	17.2
106	78	Carrs Milling	105	...	3.9	4.6	21.0
201	178	Cropwicks	192	...	...	4.9	14.2
22	8½	Cullens	18½	...	0.5	3.5	∞
394	168	Dalepak	207	...	6.0	3.6	9.3
491	424	Dalgety	471	+1	19.5	4.2	13.7
54	27	Daniels S	54	...	0.6	...	...
134	122	Everest	127	...	...	3.4	17.6
295	259	Farepak	290	...	...	2.2	20.6
10	3	Farringford	7	...	...	...	...
94	64	Finlay (James)	69	+1	...	7.5	22.9
125	78	Fyffes	100	...	...	1.6	16.6
485	328	Greggs	339	-1	8.1	3.0	15.3
12	7	Global	11	...	...	5.7	17.1
45	43	Grand Central	43	...	1.1	3.3	...
203	147	Hazlewood Fds	186	-4	...	4.4	10.5
171	131	Hillsdown	140	...	...	7.9	11.0
250	209½	Iceland Group	237	-6	...	1.8	21.2
131	111	JLI Group	118	+1	4.6	5.1	∞
853	710	Kwik Save	728	+3	16.0	2.7	13.0
262	187	Low (Wm)	187	-1	8.4	5.6	9.1
58	41	Matthews (B)	58	...	2.2	4.8	38.0
19½	12½	Merchant Retail	17	...	1.1	8.5	33.3
174	149	Morrison (W)	153	-2	...	0.7	19.9
568	443	Nichols (JN)	558	...	13.6	3.0	16.2
290	242	Nthn Foods	271	+7	...	3.0	13.5
22	13	Nthmbrn Fns	16	...	...	...	6.7
229	172	Nurdin Peack	220	-2	6.1	3.5	∞
250	205	Park Foods	243	...	6.0	3.1	∞
115	83	Perkins Food	94	...	...	5.4	10.2
96½	47	PizzaExpress	82	...	...	0.8	47.1
9	1½	Regina Hlth	6½	...	...	...	...
584	446	Sainsbury J	492	+3	...	2.5	17.3
68	33	Sentry Farm	61	...	...	3.1	10.9
225	109	Sims Food	108	-2	...	8.7	5.8
439	357	Tate & Lyle	380	-1	12.0	3.9	12.0
273	208	Tesco	217½	-1½	...	4.1	10.1
211	123	Thorntons	139	...	3.6	3.3	12.9
183	101	Treatt	165	...	...	2.7	18.7
375	300	Unigate	346	-5	...	5.8	11.4
437	340	Utd Biscuits	396	-6½	...	4.8	20.5
25	21	Usborne	21	...	0.4	2.4	12.9
337	248	Watson & Philip	308	...	13.3	5.4	16.1

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
16	14	Abrdn Stk Hse	14	...	...	...	...
89	77	City Centre Rest	83	...	1.5	2.4	20.0
227	170	Forte	226	...	...	4.1	17.7
199	155	Friendly Hotels	190	...	5.7	3.8	16.2
8	5	Harmony Leis	6½	...	...	...	...
110	87	Jurys Hotel	110	...	...	5.5	13.0
215	154	Ladbroke	180	-3	11.1	7.7	15.4
73	59	Mandarin Orntl	66	...	...	4.8	17.7
59	44	Queens Moat	47½	...	2.8	7.6	6.3
99	83	-do- 7% cvpr	85	...	7.5	11.0	...
2½		Regal Hotels	1½	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	47	...	3.4	9.2	9.2
24	11½	Ryan Hotels	17½	...	...	6.3	∞
845	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	835	...	7.0	1.0	...
57	34½	Stakis	52	...	...	1.1	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	178	AAF Inds	206	...	...	5.5	12.3
616	378	AAH	462	...	...	4.3	15.3
172	140	AIM	155	...	6.9	4.2	9.6
132	88	APV	101	-1	...	6.7	...
233	81	ASW	209	...	...	3.6	...
172	124	Adwest	172	+1	7.0	5.1	24.5
28	10	Aerospace Eng	28	...	1.0	...	17.1
518	434	Airsprung	481	-3	9.0	2.3	∞
147	113	Alexdra W	147	...	3.8	3.2	40.6
13½	7	Allied Radio	8	...	...	...	...
545	415	Alumasc	545	+1	11.0	2.5	16.7
48	37	Alvis	45	...	1.0	2.8	9.2
420	345	Amber Ind	385	...	17.0	5.5	10.3
38	18	Amberley Gp	35	...	...	3.7	...
145	115	Andrews Sykes	115	...	4.4	4.9	∞
893	703	Antofagasta	723	...	...	2.8	13.4
50½	37	Armour	41	...	1.4	4.5	12.0
170	143	Ash & Lacy	156	...	0.4	5.1	16.0
3½	2½	Ass Br Eng	3½	...	0.0	1.9	...
541½	434	Avon Rubber	493	+1	...	4.2	19.7
235	168	Assoc Nursg	218	+3	...	...	8.4
687½	544½	Atlas Equip	650	...	...	4.2	16.3
56	35	Ayrshire Metal	56	...	...	...	...
172	147	BBA	157	+3	...	6.0	13.3
65	28	BLP Group	63	...	...	...	...
77	13	BM Gp	21	...	5.0	...	0.9
770	650	BOC	701	-2	23.2	4.1	15.4
79½	62	BSG	68	-½	...	5.9	23.7
487	353	BSS Group	429	-2	17.2	5.0	∞
376	318	BTR	376	+4	...	3.6	21.5
221	185	BWI	185	-1	6.7	4.5	17.8
41½	31	Babcock	38	-½	2.1	6.9	∞
7½	4½	Bailey (CH)	6	...	...	...	...
289	241	Baird (Wm)	263	...	8.4	4.2	18.2
1062½	556½	Barlow Rand	625	...	...	5.5	3.5
63	48	Baynes (Charles)	61	...	...	2.9	25.0
15	5	Beaufort	6½	...	...	...	...
8½	6½	Beckenham	7	...	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)	30	...	...	...	...
27½	15	Benson Group	17½	...	0.1	0.7	16.2
707	513	Bespak	525	...	9.0	2.1	16.4
133	81	Bibby (J)	81	...	9.7	...	4.8
300	129	Billam (J)	266	+2	5.0	2.3	13.4
41	21½	Bilston Batsen	35	...	...	...	...
11½	2½	Bimec Ind	5½	...	0.6	...	...
158	126	Birkby	156	...	...	...	...
45	32	Black Arrow	43	...	2.1	6.1	10.3
1½		Black & Edgtn	1½	...	...	...	...
183	136	Black (Peter)	179	...	2.9	2.1	18.4
274	129	Bluebird Toys	273	...	...	2.1	17.0
293	247	Bodycote	281	...	...	2.2	18.0
463	425	Boots	437	-2	...	3.8	16.2
61	42	Booth Inds	49	+1	0.7	1.8	...
517	438	Bowater	486	+1	11.5	3.0	19.2
1682	1293	Bowater Inc	1347	-9	...	...	...
248	199	Boxmore Inds	245	...	...	1.9	18.3
19	12½	Brasway	15½	...	0.5	4.7	20.0
288	204	Brammer	251	...	13.0	6.5	22.7
18	12	Bridgend Gp	16½	...	0.4	3.1	...
119	64	Bridon	110	-1	...	4.5	77.0
70	53	Bridport-Gndry	70	...	4.1	2.3	13.1
40	31	Brierley Inv	38	...	...	8.4	9.3
308	250	Br Bldg & Eng	290	...	...	1.2	...
50	42	Br Bloodstock	49	...	...	...	...
525	417	Br Polythene	524	...	...	2.4	18.8
106	54	Br Steel	99½	-2½	...	1.3	...
130	100	Br Syphon	125	...	3.0	3.0	35.0
17	11½	Br Thornton	15	...	...	2.1	...
288	216	Br Vita	221	...	7.1	4.0	13.6
15	8½	Britton Grp	14½	...	0.0	0.3	...
730	555	Broken Hill	640	...	...	2.9	30.3
109	78	Bromsgrove Ind	104	...	4.0	4.8	14.3
10½	6½	Brooke Tool	9	...	...	...	...
70	51	Brown & Tawse	65	...	...	4.7	...
118	91	Bullough	116	...	6.0	6.5	19.9
26	13	Business Tech	15	...	...	...	...
28	17	CI Group	23	-1	1.0	5.4	22.1
25	15	Campbll & Arm	21	...	2.0	...	...
34	6½	Cannon St	29½	...	...	...	...
243	205	Cape	238	...	10.5	5.5	15.2
228	178	Carclo Eng	207	...	...	5.2	17.4
2888	2138	Carnaud Mtl	2375	...	...	2.7	∞
78	68	Cassidy Bros	72	...	...	4.2	8.0
187	158	Castings	181	...	4.3	3.0	∞
145	113	Chamberlin Hill	135	...	6.2	5.8	∞
702	605	Charter Cons	648	+14	21.5	4.1	15.6
295	220	Chemring	282	...	...	3.6	17.0
92	52	Chieftain Gp	54	+2	5.1	11.8	11.6
35	17	Chillington	30	...	0.2	1.0	...
204	144	Christies Int	188	...	...	1.0	...
61	34	Clayhithe	58	...	2.5	5.4	...
95	70	Clayton Son	90	...	...	...	...
7	7	Co Designers	7	...	...	...	...
409	320	Cohen (A)	320	...	6.8	2.7	∞
223	179	Commonlty H	187	...	6.5	4.3	11.6
246	186	Concentric	218	+4	...	3.2	18.4
209	120	Cook (Wm)	205	...	5.0	3.1	∞
217	182	Cookson	217	...	...	3.5	28.7
56	38	Copymore	36	...	...	2.2	∞
238	159	Cornwl Pkr 'A'	159	-14	5.7	4.5	13.6
178	118	Cowie	118	-5	10.2	...	17.6
224	150	Creighton Nts	150	...	...	5.8	10.0
48	27	CrestaCare	40	...	0.5	1.6	34.6
3987½	2993	Dana	3593½	+112½	...	...	...
850	314	Danka Bs Sys	850	...	4.5	0.7	∞
16	5	Davies (DY)	16	...	...	...	...
711	642	De La Rue	679	+1	...	3.1	17.9
25	16	Dixie Heel	24	...	0.9	4.9	19.1
498	301	Diploma	496	-1	9.7	2.5	25.6
77	50	Dobson Park	74	...	5.7	...	13.3
99	92	Dyson (J&J)	99	...	5.0	6.3	14.2
66	57	-do- 'A'	66	...	5.0	9.5	9.5
16½	8	EFG	13	...	...	...	...
421	387	EIS	392	...	...	3.0	∞
19½	6½	EIT Gp	6½	...	...	...	...
28	10	Elbief	23	...	...	...	...
43	19	Eleco	20	...	3.3	...	11.8
2250	1787½	Electrolux 'B'	1800	...	3.1	...	...
66	45	Elliot (B)	59	...	...	...	...
484	402	Eng China Cl	456	+11	...	5.6	24.6
2490	1550	Ericsson 'B'	2400	-9½	...	1.1	...
91	77	Erskine Hse	90	...	...	3.3	9.1
53	32	Eurocopy	46	...	1.6	...	17.7
82	47	Expamet	82	+1	3.3	5.0	∞
687	490	Fairey Group	665	-1	10.2	1.9	20.5
95	53	Fenner	73	-0	4.2	...	13.8
66	32	Ferraris Group	58	...	...	2.2	13.6
1½		Ferrometer	1	...	...	...	...
29	23	Ferrum	26	...	2.5	12.0	18.2
54	28	Fife Indmar	51	...	0.5	1.2	...
251	147	Fisons	182	+5	...	6.0	21.1
53	29	Fitzwilton	41	...	...	12.3	...
255	215	Flogas	240	...	...	4.2	9.0
43	39	Folkes Group nv	39	...	1.5	4.8	∞
76	56	French (Thomas)	74	...	3.6	6.1	37.1
218	166½	Frost Group	210	...	4.0	2.4	∞
88	71	GEI Intl	77	...	1.9	8.3	∞
480	434	GKN	449	...	...	5.7	29.9
51	42	GR Hldgs	46	...	...	5.4	...
98	79	Gaston Eng	94	...	4.0	5.3	...
180	108	Gestetner	114	-1	8.2	9.0	5.0
30	23	Glevum	22	...	...	...	16.6
801	545	Glaxo	579	-8½	17.0	3.7	16.0
28½	16	Glenchewton	28	...	...	...	...
311	245	Glynwed	308	+1	11.6	4.7	29.0
100	66	Goode Durrant	98	+4	5.4	6.9	20.7
134	102	Grampian Hd	128	-1	5.5	5.4	22.2
427	341	Granada	420	...	7.7	2.3	23.2
407	301	Great Stbrn	399	...	...	3.4	16.4
96	78	Green (Ernest)	96	...	...	9.1	13.3
15½	8½	Greenacre	12½	...	...	2.8	12.4
17	8	Guardian Grp	10½	...	...	...	...
57	30	Haden MacLn	51	-1	...	4.4	20.6
83	44	Hadleigh Inds	75	...	...	...	...
239	115	Hall Eng	230	...	8.6	4.7	19.2
258	215	Halma	256	...	2.2	1.1	31.5
49	30	Hampson Ind	39	...	2.1	...	10.6
265½	229½	Hanson	227	+1	...	6.3	11.6
221	187	Harris (Philip)	220	...	6.8	4.0	∞
187	147	Harrison Cresfld	174	+1½	9.0	6.5	25.1
69	38	Havelock Euro	68	...	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	36	...	...	...	...
25	17	Headway	25	+7	0.7	3.5	13.2
394	301	Hepworth	380	...	14.8	4.9	16.4
228	160	Hewitt (J)	214	-1	3.0	1.8	16.7
38	15	High-Point	33	+2	1.3	...	...
146	112½	Hill & Smith	144	...	...	4.9	20.0
10	6½	Hobsons	7½	...	...	...	...
124	87	Holders Tech	124	...	...	6.0	16.2
49	30	Hopkinsons	45	-1	1.3	3.6	18.6
167	133	Hornby	133	...	...	8.5	12.6
13½	6	Hospital Crp	7½	...	...	13.3	2.0
73	54½	Howden	71	...	...	3.8	11.0
231½	173	Hunting	226	...	...	5.5	19.1
430	269½	Huntleigh Tech	428	...	...	1.8	∞
295	247	IMI	280	-2	...	4.3	24.8
109	90	ISA Intl	109	...	1.5	1.7	16.9
205	179	Intercare Gp	195	...	...	1.7	20.6
255	235	Ibstock	248	...	3.0	2.0	15.0
528	360	Jardine Math	514	+8	...	2.3	19.0
537	436	Johnson Mathy	430	+1	...	2.0	18.1
64	51	Johnson & FB	53	...	3.0	7.1	16.4
177	104	Johnston	164	...	3.2	2.5	...
49	19	Jones Stapman	31	...	...	...	...
32	18	Jourdan (T)	31	...	0.7	3.0	...
59	26	Kalamazoo	59	+3	2.1	4.6	∞
178	73	Kalon	161	...	...	2.5	22.3
297	253	Kelsey Ind	263	-2	13.0	...	...
545	465	Kershaw (A)	502	+2	27.0	6.7	26.0
168	125	Kleeneze	159	+1	...	...	...
143	61	LGW	142	...	3.0	2.6	11.8
303	266	Laird	295	...	...	4.4	14.5
166	105	Lee (Arthur)	160	...	...	4.6	68.0
153	110	Lilleshall	152	...	4.2	3.5	18.7
153	97	Lincat	142	-4	...	4.5	12.3
18½	4½	Lincoln Hse	16½	...	...	...	13.6
128	70	Linread	118	...	3.7	4.0	18.2
213	170	Linton Park	213	...	14.0	8.2	∞
15½	10½	Lionheart	13	-½	0.2	1.9	...
19½	15	Locker (T) A	18½	...	1.0	7.6	∞
274	175	Lon Intl	183	-6	9.4	6.5	12.4
122	70	Lonrho	113	...	...	4.4	...
342	269	Low & Bonar	333	+3	...	3.4	16.6
343	268	MB-Caradon	287	-1	...	3.8	22.2
169½	135	-do- pf	143	-½	7.2	6.3	...
27	14½	ML Hldgs	26	...	1.8	...	28.1
43	27	MS Intl	36	...	2.5	8.2	50.3
50	39	MY Holdings	45	...	...	2.8	13.7
190	168	Macfarlane	190	+2	...	2.1	21.5
435	379	McKechnie	435	...	14.7	4.2	21.6
85	85	McLeod Russel	85	...	6.0	8.8	10.4
10½	5½	Maddox	6	...	...	...	∞
81	63	Magnolia	80	...	0.1	0.2	12.0
106	71	Mang Bronze	96	...	1.0	1.3	...
27	21	Marling	22	...	0.3	...	...
179	124	Mayborn	170	+8	...	3.7	14.1
54	29	Mayflower	51	...	...	3.1	∞
236	191½	Medeva	213	-10	...	1.3	17.3
113	88	Meggitt	106	-1	...	4.5	18.0
118	98	Metair	110	...	...	4.1	17.8
76	70	Metsec	76	...	...	...	...
82	29	Midstates	80	...	...	1.2	11.1
25	14	Mining & Aid	21½	...	0.5	2.9	...
488	368	Molins	467	...	...	3.7	12.1
345	262	Morgan Cble	298	-6	...	5.3	15.9
145	134	Morris Ashby	138	...	...	4.3	12.0
31	18	Neepsend	26½	+½	1.5	...	...
60	34	Nestor-BNA	53	...	3.1	7.4	12.7
169	122	Nobo Gp	169	...	3.5	2.6	20.7
167	122½	Norcros	151	+1	...	5.8	22.1
43	35	Novo Group	39	...	...	1.0	...
413	310	Nu-Swift	383	...	...	6.9	10.0
53	36	Office Elect Mac	48	...	0.1	0.3	...
39½	21	OMI Intl	22½	...	1.7	9.7	...
140	123	PCT	124	...	...	7.3	14.1
48	41	Pacer Systems	41	...	...	8.4	...
138	105	Pentland	107	...	...	2.9	14.5
385	310	Photo-Me	379	-1	4.4	1.5	19.3
137	97½	Pilkington	121	-1	4.0	4.1	...
32	19	Platignum	27	...	...	...	...
70	68	Plaxtons	70	...	3.0	5.4	11.0
154	126	Polypipe	136	...	1.9	1.8	19.6
32	19	Porter Chadburn	27	+1	1.2	5.9	...
9	5½	Porth Gp	8½	...	...	...	...
376	306	Powerscreen	322	+3	6.6	2.6	∞
20	16½	Prospect Inds	18½	...	0.7	5.1	9.3
54	33½	RPS Group	53	...	...	5.2	11.7
95	73	Radstone	80	...	...	...	...
185	77	Ramco Oil	156	+1	...	0.8	∞
778	636	Rank Org	778	...	31.0	5.0	21.5
33	23	Ransomes	27	...	...	...	...
657	532	Reckitt Colm	553	-8	...	3.7	20.1
77	50	Record	73	...	3.6	6.2	35.0
7½	2½	Reece	5½	...	...	...	...
194	131	Relyon	194	...	4.9	3.2	23.3
303	275	Renishaw	286	-1	6.5	2.8	21.9
63	55	Renold	63	+2	1.0	2.0	∞
1438	1240	Reuters	1402	+19	21.2	1.9	23.2
38	24½	Rexmore	38	...	1.7	5.8	9.3
122	91	Ricardo Group	122	...	5.7	5.8	34.3
68	58	Richards (Leics)	67	...	4.4	8.2	...
85	63	Richardson West	83	...	7.0	4.5	21.3
128	109	Ropner	122	...	8.2	8.5	17.3
122	97	-do- 'A'	115	...	8.2	9.0	16.3
41	28	Ross Gp	34	...	0.0	2.4	13.9
171	134½	Rotork	165	...	...	2.8	21.8
148	100	Rubicon	148	+18	...	1.3	...
65	43	Russell (A)	62	...	...	2.0	...
26	15	SEP Indl	26½	...	...	3.0	22.1
800	625	SKF 'B'	750	...	...	...	...
83	39	Savage	83	...	...	...	...
55	39	Saville Grdn (J)	45	...	2.2	6.1	17.8
248	208	Scapa	226½	-½	...	3.1	10.6
238	192	Scholl	235	...	...	3.4	17.1
6½	4	Scot Heritable	5½	...	...	...	...
990	917	Securicor	953	...	2.6	0.3	36.3
608	562	-do- 'A'	634	...	2.6	0.5	23.7
565	485	Security Serv	539	+1	5.0	1.2	26.2
111	77	Senior Eng	111	+1½	...	3.5	18.5
361	306	Seton Health	322	+2	...	2.3	19.0
68	42	Sheldon Jones	61	...	...	...	...
133	88	Shiloh	130	...	2.9	2.8	14.0
361	295	Sidlaw	345	...	10.0	3.6	16.0
508	427	Siebe	479	+4	...	2.7	17.3
330	220	Silentnight	330	+3	...	3.1	18.8
124	102	Sime Darby	111	...	...	3.8	13.6
142	32	Simon Eng	41	-2	5.0	15.2	9.4
290	272	Sinclair (Wm)	232	...	7.0	3.8	14.9
47	37	Six Hundred	37	...	3.0	5.0	∞
164	140½	Smith & Neph	144	+1½	...	4.0	19.5
513	389	SmithKline	434	-12	8.6	2.5	15.7
450	340	SmithKline Eq	384	-11	...	3.5	13.9
394	320	Smiths Ind	355	+4	11.2	4.0	14.5
100	66	Sthn Bus	70	...	3.3	6.1	6.5
410	265	Spandex	401	...	...	2.0	18.0
650	300	Spear (JW)	510	-66	4.0	3.5	9.4
362	314	Spirax-Sarco	330	...	...	3.4	21.5
145	46	Spring Ram	57	-8	...	0.8	14.4
270	222	Staveley	232	-1	8.5	4.6	∞
147	126	Sterling Ind	135	...	4.6	5.2	16.9
21½	11	Stonehill	21½	...	...	...	...
156	117	Suter	156	...	8.8	7.1	16.5
360	344	Swire Pacific 'A'	341	+3	...	2.6	∞
7	5	Sycamore	5½	...	...	...	...
78	53	Sykes-Pick	63	...	...	7.0	12.1
275	240	Syltone	275	...	9.4	4.3	12.2
198	164	T & N	184	...	...	7.4	20.4
348	279	TI	336	-6	...	4.0	18.6
23	12	TLS Range	16	...	...	2.0	...
299	218	TT Group	287	...	6.0	2.5	17.7
249	229	Takare	230	...	1.8	1.0	19.1
823	618	Takeda Chem	770	+4	...	0.6	20.4
45	24	Tex Hldgs	43	...	...	...	...
94	38	Tinsley (E)	94	...	...	6.9	11.0
225	150	Thomas	195	...	...	2.3	17.0
271	221	Tomkins	229	-2	...	3.5	16.1
110½	67	Trafalgar H	102	...	...	3.0	7.5
110	65½	-do- 'A'	102	...	...	...	...
579	346	Transfer Tech	560	...	16.0	3.6	14.1
190	150½	Triplex Lloyd	175	...	7.0	5.0	16.0
253	220	UniChem	225	...	5.6	3.1	∞
335	279½	Unidare	335	-27	...	6.4	10.8
62	11½	Unigroup	61	...	...	...	...
1249	980	Unilever	1041	-2	21.3	2.6	14.2
8112½	6625	Unilever (NV)	7337½	-134½	...	3.0	10.2
810	513	VSEL	772	...	...	4.7	8.3
9½		Verson	8½	...	...	...	...
154	95½	Vickers	154	+5	...	1.2	...
367	243	Victaulic	351	+1	...	3.0	12.4
373	283	Vinten	373	+2	...	2.3	17.4
604	427	Vosper Thorny	570	...	...	3.5	13.8
45	41	WSP Hldgs	43	...	...	...	...
468	368	Wagon Ind	377	-10	17.3	5.0	∞
86	71	Walker Greenbk	81	...	3.1	4.8	20.7
258	201	Wassall	249	...	2.5	1.3	25.1
36	22	Watford Wdgwd	34½	...	...	...	...
675	582	Weir	619	+3	...	2.4	17.5
693	658	Wellcome	686	-23	13.0	2.4	18.9
23	23	Wellman	22	...	0.9	5.1	∞
300	260	West Hlthcare	295	...	...	1.6	18.9
498	460	Whatman	498	...	9.5	2.4	16.9
353	267	Whessoe	336	-1	...	3.0	13.0
10½	4	Whewway	9½	...	1.0	13.2	...
50	27	Whitecroft	48	+1	...	...	...
8½	4½	Widney	7	...	...	...	...
93	44	Wilkes (James)	88	+3	3.5	5.0	25.7
365	295	Williams Hldg	325	+1	12.5	4.8	17.0
31½	17	Wilshaw	30½	...	0.4	1.7	25.1
661	533	Wolseley	635	-1	12.5	2.5	22.0
150	125	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	45.5
46	35	Wyko	45	...	2.8	...	25.7
59	38	Young (H)	56	...	3.0	6.7	20.5

INSURANCE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1543½	Alex & Alex	1787½	+37½	...	3.5	...
2275	1787½	Am Gen	2206½	+62½	...	3.1	...
47	30	Archer (AJ)	41	-1	4.4	...	19.7
148	118	Bradstock	139	...	5.1	3.6	17.0
498	359	Britannic	493	...	...	2.0	...
611	556	Com Union	606	-4	...	5.0	...
1570	1225	Dom & Gen	1570	...	...	1.4	25.9
27	18	FAI	27	+1	...	...	...
619½	546	Gen Accident	585	-5	26.7	5.7	...
195	160	GRE	182	+1	7.0	4.8	15.1
370	293	Heath C E	335	+1	16.0	6.0	∞
210	168	Hogg Gp	210	+2	8.1	4.9	19.0
204	164	JIB Group	204	+1	7.5	4.6	20.6
493	408½	Legal & Gen	472	-7	...	5.1	28.7
1026	768	Liberty Life	940	+12	...	3.1	16.4
465	403	Lloyds Abbey	445	...	17.3	4.9	16.0
313	252	Lloyd Thomp	302	...	5.6	2.3	22.2
368	274	Londn & Man	338	-2	14.2	5.3	24.9
364	321	Lowndes Lmb	350	+7	12.6	4.3	14.5
6743½	5600	Marsh McLn	5831½	+17½	...	2.9	...
87	76	Oriel	80	...	...	7.0	∞
66	50½	PWS	62	...	4.0	8.1	9.0
342	282½	Prudential	335½	...	...	4.4	22.3
1138	800	Refuge	1055	-3	31.5	3.7	29.2
310	248	Royal	283	-2	...	2.8	...
200	153	Sedgwick	198	+4	6.0	3.8	23.9
261	205	Steel Burrill	241	-4	...	6.9	14.2
97	48	Sturge Hldgs	63	...	8.2	...	6.3
363	307	Sun Alliance	356	-3	14.2	5.0	...
81	50	Trade Indemnity	57	...	...	...	...
288	239	Transatlantic	273	-1	12.0	5.5	25.3
773	490	Utd Friendly	710	...	14.5	2.6	30.9
222	171	Willis Corroon	220	-1	...	3.8	47.3
20	13½	Windsor	17	+1	...	...	13.4

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1708	1548	Alliance	1680	+1	45.0	3.3	∞
260	226½	Amer Trust	256½	...	4.9	2.6	49.1
363	304	Ang & O'seas	352	-2	6.8	2.4	44.7
137½	124	BZW Conv	137½	...	7.8	7.2	15.9
161½	133½	Bankers	159½	...	3.4	2.7	43.6
298	264	Baring Tribne	283	+2	6.4	2.8	44.8
167	131	Berry Starq	167	+1	2.2	1.6	54.3
100½	96½	Br Assets	100½	-1½	...	5.3	24.6
73½	57½	Br Empire Sec	73	...	0.8	1.5	74.1
22½	14	-do- Wnts	22½	...	...	...	...
173	156	Br Inv	168	...	4.5	3.3	∞
164	130	Contl Asset	156	...	2.4	1.9	51.0
195	144	Derby Inc	152	...	16.6	13.7	9.1
258	195	-do- Cap	258	...	...	...	...
134	90	Drayton Asia	134	+1	0.7	0.7	...
73	62	-do- Blue Chip	67	...	8.4	15.7	7.4
70	35	-do- Eng Intl	69	...	1.2	2.2	...
120	84	-do- Far East	116	...	0.6	0.7	...
119	95	-do- Korea	119	+1	0.5	0.5	...
631	576	Dunedin Inc G	576	-4	25.4	5.5	26.5
611	513	-do- Wwde	596	-2	0.5	2.0	61.4
270	222	Dundee & Lon	266	...	12.0	5.6	24.5
51	44	EFM Inc Tst	44	-1	4.8	13.8	∞
54	51½	-do- Div Pl	52½	...	...	...	...
274	250½	Edinburgh	270	...	8.4	3.9	39.5
248	183	Electra Inv	248	+2	6.7	3.4	33.3
170	141	Electric Gen	169	...	3.1	2.3	53.8
97	85	English Scot	97	...	...	...	...
251	205	European Asset	245	...	...	3.0	20.0
103	77	Finsbury 'A'	103	...	3.0	3.6	33.1
290	248	Fleming Amer	267½	...	0.7	0.3	...
206	190½	-do- Claver	199	+1	...	3.4	39.2
266	212	-do- Contl	257	+2	2.7	1.3	∞
180½	147	-do- Emg	180½	+1½	4.5	3.7	40.5
283	213	-do- F East	283	+3	1.1	0.5	...
306	246	-do- Fledg	299	+2	3.0	1.3	...
118	106½	-do- HI Inc	116½	...	5.8	6.2	∞
227	196	-do- Japan	215	+1	0.3	0.2	...
271	250	-do- Merc	264	...	6.7	3.2	∞
251½	212	-do- O'seas	249	-1	4.0	2.0	59.4
231	203	Foreign & Col	230	-½	3.1	1.8	62.6
210	164	-do- Eurotst	188½	...	1.2	0.8	...
107	87	-do- German	100	...	0.5	0.6	...
279	191	-do- Pacific	272	+2	1.9	0.9	...
148½	116	-do- Smaller	148½	...	1.8	1.5	∞
233	145	GT Japan	218	+1	...	0.7	...
136	65	Genl Cons Cap	136	+1	...	...	...
125½	96½	-do- Inc	111	...	...	9.5	11.5
145	115	Govett Am Smlr	129	+1	...	...	...
287	184	-do- Oriental	283	+1	0.9	0.4	...
291	207	-do- Strategy	290½	-1	...	3.3	35.4
373	340	Greenfriar	369	...	6.3	2.2	55.4
15	5	Gresham House	15	...	...	...	...
53	47	Independent Inv	51	...	0.5	1.2	...
132	124	Inv Cap	129½	...	5.1	4.9	26.0
94	77	IBS UK Smllr	93	...	2.8	3.8	29.0
185	156½	Kleinwort Chr	174	...	5.0	3.6	33.0
209	176	-do- O'seas	206	-1	...	2.0	56.5
126	108	-do- Smlr	126	...	4.0	4.0	30.5
603	500	Law Debenture	601	-1	19.2	3.8	30.0
175	164	Majedie	175	...	...	3.4	33.0
240	223	Merchants	239	-1	10.6	5.5	22.2
5131½	3300	Merrill Lynch	5131½	+162½	...	...	...
440	383	Monks Inv Tst	391	-1	6.7	2.0	∞
126	105	Morg Grenf Inc	120	...	...	4.8	23.8
37	23	Do Warrants	34	...	...	...	...
47	39	Murray Euro	45	...	0.1	0.4	∞
11	4½	Do Wts	8½	...	...	...	...
315	282	Murray Income	310	+1½	...	4.3	30.4
319	265	-do- Intl	298	...	11.4	4.8	26.9
324	265	-do- Small	325	...	4.0	1.6	69.6
103	96½	-do- S/C Inc	97	...	...	13.7	0.5
101	75	-do- S/C Cap	101	+1	...	...	...
3050	2750	-do- S/C 19s	2990	...	...	4.5	...
147½	142½	-do- S/C DP	142½	...	...	...	...
268	230	-do- Vent	260	-1	...	4.5	21.0
75	56½	New Frontier	74	...	0.2	0.4	...
85	68	Nthrop Inc	73	...	6.7	10.8	∞
301	249	O'seas Inv Tst	292	-2	2.6	1.2	...
388	285	Pacific Assets	375	...	1.1	0.4	...
291	187	Do Warrants	278	+2	...	...	...
8200	7650	Personal Assets	8125	...	...	2.5	48.5
144	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	130	...	1.1	1.0	...
125	108	River & Merc	113	...	9.2	10.2	11.3
398	350	Robeco	385	...	...	3.4	...
390	346	Rolinco	383	...	...	2.1	...
242	214	St Andrew Tst	241	...	7.5	3.9	32.4
148½	131	Scot American	144½	-1	4.3	3.8	30.6
209	136	Scot Asian	206	+1	...	...	...
415	225	do Warrants	410	+10	...	...	...
77	63½	-do- Eastern	71½	...	1.5	2.7	47.0
207	183	Scottish	201½	...	4.6	2.9	41.8
204	178	-do- Mtge	193	-1½	4.0	2.6	51.7
89½	71	-do- Value	83	...	...	2.7	50.5
1505	1390	Second Alliance	1491	-1	36.5	3.1	30.1
86½	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	85½	-½	3.2	4.0	27.6
132	109½	Selective Asset	131	...	1.2	1.1	47.1
28	14	Sphere Inv	23	...	3.1	17.0	7.3
143	112	TR Far East	143	...	4.5	3.9	31.4
140½	126	TR City Of Lon	138½	...	4.2	4.3	29.1
150	110	TR Pacific	148	...	0.3	0.3	...
26½	17	TR Propers	26½	...	0.9	4.3	∞
70	47	TR Tech Inv	67	...	1.7	3.3	33.2
179	148	TR Smlr Co	177	...	3.7	2.6	51.8
315	283	Temple Bar	305	...	12.2	5.4	23.0
91	69	Thrgmtn Asian E	89	...	0.5	0.7	...
69	54	Throgmorton	69	...	3.3	4.2	38.2
448	363	Throg Dual Cp	448	+5	...	...	...
199	178	USDC Invest	199	...	4.5	2.9	36.6
97	78½	Value Inc Tst	96	...	3.6	4.5	24.0
608	542	Whitbread Inv	596	-20	10.5	3.5	15.4
197	181	Witan	189½	-½	5.6	3.6	41.2

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
345	269	Airtours	330	...	2.2	2.7	12.0
80	42	Ald Leis	60	...	4.7	...	17.2
331	194	Anglia TV	317	-7	...	3.7	14.7
349	192	Barr & W 'A'	224	...	10.0	5.6	14.5
1200	930	Boosey Hwks	1195	...	22.0	2.3	17.9
153	90	Border TV	140	-5	...	2.4	18.3
10½	4½	Brent Walker	10	...	...	...	...
8	2½	Buckingham Intl	7½	+½	...	...	...
293	113	Campari	113	...	...	11.3	...
197	171	Capital Radio	175	...	5.2	3.8	20.2
815	719	Carlton Comm	787	-5	17.0	2.7	23.0
200	158	Castle Comm	180	-1	...	5.0	16.4
1960	1615	Central TV	1955	...	36.0	2.4	21.3
83	61	Chrysalis	66	+1	...	...	...
580	470	Compass Gp	510	+1	...	3.2	15.3
350	197	Eurocamp	198	-3	6.2	4.2	9.2
1180	780	Euro Disney	813	-10	...	1.5	...
8	3½	Euro Leisure	4½	...	...	...	...
31	18	Ex-Lands	24	-2	...	...	...
390	245	Fairline Boats	265	+1	10.5	5.0	...
379	320	First Leisure	360	-4	6.1	2.1	24.8
515	298	GWR Gp	510	...	...	1.7	26.0
199	149	Grampian	190	+1	6.1	3.8	∞
6	4	Greenwich Comm	5	...	...	...	...
57	19	HTV Group	58	...	...	...	24.4
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	51	...	2.0	5.0	∞
12½	5½	Kunick	10½	...	...	...	...
394	262	LWT CP	375	...	...	1.6	17.3
475	327	Man Utd	422	...	10.0	4.3	14.5
148	97	Owners Abrd	101	...	3.5	4.3	8.1
66	33	The Pelican Gp	59	...	...	2.1	20.3
130	55	Prism Leisure	123	+5	...	2.8	14.0
24	16	Quadrant Grp	30	...	...	...	...
318	284	Radio Clyde	384	...	...	3.7	22.1
175	132	Ramsdens (H)	164	...	...	3.4	21.6
525	431	Scot TV	499	-5	8.9	2.5	24.6
60	41	Southern Radio	41	...	0.7	2.4	17.1
219	168	Stanley Leisure	211	...	...	2.5	17.8
10	9½	Sunleigh	8	...	...	...	...
145	130	Sunset & Vine	131	...	3.5	3.3	15.5
420	383	Tanjong	420	...	...	0.6	∞
221	150	Thames TV	197	...	2.5	1.6	∞
2½	1	Ticketing	2½	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenham Hot	107	...	...	...	3.5
78	44	Trans World	66	...	...	1.5	34.1
459	274	Ulster TV	459	...	10.0	2.7	14.1
22	13½	Wembley	16	...	0.2	1.6	...
36	7½	Whitegate	35	...	...	...	...
187	110	Yorkshire TV	185	...	12.0	8.1	5.6
113	83	Zeners Gp	113	...	8.0	8.5	11.4

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
4300	1800	Am Gold	4150	-34½	...	5.0	10.9
1425	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1425	+25	...	6.5	∞
2050	1125	Ang Am	1900	-9½	...	3.7	∞
20	8½	Anglo Pac Res	20	...	...	...	...
114	33	Blyvoors	97	-1	...	6.3	9.3
40	18	Bracken	30	...	...	...	1.5
710	233	Buffels	605	...	...	6.5	14.0
2½	1	Bune	2½	...	...	...	...
684	546	CRA	610	...	...	3.4	∞
43½	11	Chief Res	30	-1½	...	...	...
1181½	762½	De Beers	1112½	...	...	4.1	15.0
138	37½	Deelkraal	123	...	...	4.9	6.7
87	7	Doornfontein	61	-3	...	...	...
867	388	Driefontein	772	-16	...	4.3	14.1
616	120	Durban	568	-14	...	...	...
124	47	E Rand Gold	114	+2	...	10.3	3.1
162	62	E Dagga	132	-3	...	...	11.0
220	54	E Rand Prop	229	+1	...	...	...
470	117	Elandsrand	445	-21	...	2.7	10.4
722	292	FS Cons	615	...	...	8.4	7.3
40	8	FS Dev	36	+1	...	...	...
1500	725	GFSA	1350	+10	...	1.0	21.2
168	125	Gencor	163	+4	...	6.1	12.7
69½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	54½	...	...	2.5	13.4
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	18½	...	...	...	...
145	49	Grootvlei	131	-1	...	7.0	7.6
360	78	Harmony	288	-8	...	...	...
414	87	Hartles	330	-13	...	5.9	∞
14	8½	Inoco	11½	...	...	...	...
1010	491	Impala Plat	906	-12	...	...	20.4
13½	6	Kenmare Res	8½	...	...	...	...
811	332	Kinross	795	-30	...	6.7	8.2
843	319	Kloof	772	-13	...	2.3	13.0
90	25	Leslie	87	-2	...	4.8	8.0
119	13	Lorraine	109	-9	...	...	...
116½	89½	MIM	88½	...	...	...	...
1090	620	Minorco	1090	+20	...	3.4	12.0
125½	91	Nth Brkn Hill	125½	...	...	4.0	∞
1850	610	Orange Free	1575	-31½	...	8.4	11.0
709	607	RTZ	657	-1	...	4.0	24.7
556½	425	Rand Mines	556½	+18½	...	10.6	2.5
517	150	Randfontein	470	-10	...	3.7	7.1
192	115	Renison	166	+2	...	3.7	16.1
1200	850	Rustenbrg	1112½	-12½	...	4.1	17.4
585	191	St Helena	445	-5	...	5.4	9.1
1582	475	Southvaal	1450	-25	...	4.0	25.0
88	18	Stilfontein	75	-2	...	8.5	12.8
201	58	Unisel	166	-3	...	1.9	16.1
4775	1800	Vaal Reefs	4237½	-12½	...	5.2	7.3
500	154	Welkom	411	-2	...	8.3	12.1
205	26	Western Areas	190	+4	...	...	...
1775	587½	Western Deep	1650	-25	...	3.8	7.5
263	178	Wstrn Mining	257	...	...	...	...
776	323	Winkels	738	-12	...	1.4	6.0
84	56	Zambia Copper	59	-1	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	58	...	...	...	18.5

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
238	233	Abbey Panels	238	...	...	...	...
125	95	Airflow Stream	116	...	3.0	3.2	11.4
127	82	Appleyard	127	+2	5.2	5.1	...
280	208	Bletchley Mtr	270	...	...	4.1	13.8
152	120	Bostrom	151	...	6.0	5.0	26.7
439	165	Br Aerospace	408	-4	7.0	2.1	...
328	303	Caffyns	308	...	11.5	4.7	∞
9½	4½	Caverdale	8½	...	...	...	...
141	96	Central Mtrs	141	...	...	3.5	35.0
29	18	Cook (DC)	24	+2	...	...	...
240	156	Cowie (T)	240	...	6.2	3.3	18.3
110	86	Dag Motors	105	-2	5.7	6.8	19.0
142	102½	Davnport Vern	130	...	...	3.6	17.6
264	155	ERF	236	-9	2.0	1.1	...
117	92	European Mtr	108	...	...	1.7	...
321	308	Evans Halshaw	321	...	11.2	4.4	49.5
290	226	FR Group	273	-1	...	3.3	12.7
3650	2843½	Ford Motor	3481½	+50	...	...	...
2968½	2147½	General Mtr	2966½	+75	...	1.7	...
58	38	Gowrings	58	...	2.0	4.3	...
173	85	Henlys	173	+6	3.0	2.2	...
875	650	Honda Motor	796	-14	...	0.7	...
28	15	Jacks (Wm)	28	...	...	...	...
106	66	Jessups	93	...	4.5	6.0	...
151	97	Kwik-Fit	150	...	...	2.8	26.8
370	281	Lex Service	378	+8	...	3.5	20.7
135	85	Lookers	135	...	6.2	5.8	...
152	126	Lucas	136½	+1½	7.0	6.4	...
274½	224½	Pendragon	257	...	...	3.3	20.8
193	105	Perry Gp	193	...	6.0	3.0	...
163	108	Quicks Group	162	+4	...	3.5	20.7
155	99	Rolls-Royce	149½	-½	...	4.3	...
201	163	Trinity Hldgs	200	+4	...	3.5	∞
148	125	Vardy (Reg)	145	...	4.0	3.4	22.4
188	121	Westland	183	...	4.2	2.9	16.2

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
144	103	Adscene	135	...	4.0	3.7	14.4
330	315	Black (A&C)	329	+3	13.5	5.1	∞
608	448	Blenheim Gp	448	...	...	2.5	16.7
370	275	Bristol	345	+1	11.7	4.3	∞
£100½	7775	Daily Mail	£100½	-50	13.0	1.6	22.7
£100½	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	£100½	-25	13.0	1.6	22.6
305	251	Dorling Kind	289	...	...	1.3	27.0
373	328	EMAP	370	...	...	2.7	22.4
1113	873	Euromoney Pb	1065	...	29.5	3.5	23.0
237	170	Harrington K	217	...	4.5	2.6	17.7
368	233	Haynes Pub	365	...	6.0	2.1	15.7
405	226	Headline	403	+3	5.0	1.6	∞
140	105	Home Counts	130	...	6.0	6.3	∞
12½	3	Intl Bus Comm	11½	...	...	...	17.0
9	6½	Utd Cm & Dobt	8	...	...	...	...
390	240	Independent	390	...	...	3.6	15.7
545	398	Johnston Press	545	...	6.2	1.4	25.6
288	243	Metal Bulletin	281	...	8.0	3.6	19.8
164	88	Mirror Gp	162	+1	...	...	...
373	297	News Corp	341	-3	...	0.3	23.1
280	169	News Intl	211	...	...	0.6	14.6
479	354	Pearson	475	+7	...	3.2	20.0
675	510	Portsmth Sund	670	...	9.4	1.8	∞
680	618	Reed Intl	668	+5	...	3.2	20.1
148	88	Southnews	145	...	...	1.8	20.6
137	90	Sterling Publs	137	...	...	2.3	45.2
401	328	Telegraph	394	...	...	3.5	16.5
825	715	Thomson Corp	775	...	25.1	4.1	∞
377	313	Trinity Intl	374	...	8.7	2.9	22.4
38	34	Unit Groups	36	...	...	...	...
610	494	Utd Newspapers	582	+2	...	4.6	16.7

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
19½	6½	Aberdeen Petrol	17½	...	...	...	...
35½	17	Aran Energy	31	+½	...	...	30.2
61	40	Arcon Intls	46	...	...	...	...
65	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	65	...	...	...	...
70	26	Aviva Pet	68	...	...	...	...
16	9	Beverley	12½	...	...	...	...
183	145	Br Borneo	164	+3	7.1	5.4	5.0
330	276	British Gas	300½	-5	14.2	5.9	14.5
336	225	Br Petroleum	311½	-2	10.5	4.2	49.1
1½	1	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
757	675	Burmah Castrl	703	+3	...	4.5	16.4
65	32	Cairn Energy	63	-1	...	...	0.0
268	223	Calor Gp	240	...	...	8.3	21.0
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	53	-1	...	...	...
35	27	Coplex Res	29	...	...	...	...
25½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas	19½	...	...	...	...
571	397	Enterprise	480	+5	16.0	4.2	59.2
48	47	Exp Co Louis	48	...	...	...	...
34½	16½	Fairhaven Intl	24½	...	...	2.2	9.3
67	45	Goal Pet	62	-1	1.4	2.8	11.9
44	18	Gt Western Res	41	...	...	...	...
109	108	Hardy O & G	100	-4	1.0	0.8	∞
46	18½	Kelt Energy	41	...	...	...	...
195	141	LASMO	150½	+½	3.3	2.6	31.7
103	64	-do- Units	78	...	...	9.4	15.0
24	14½	Midland Scot Res	17	...	...	...	...
42	34	Monument	41	...	...	...	31.7
	6	New London	8½	...	...	...	...
31	21	Nth Sea Assets	31	...	1.0	4.0	10
36	27	Oil Search	35	...	...	...	...
14½	12	Perma	13	...	...	...	...
115	99	Pict Pet	115	...	...	...	16.0
25½	18	Premier	25½	-1	...	...	0.8
115	60	Presidn	115	...	...	4.0	...
307	281	Ranger	305	...	...	4.4	...
6850	5150	Royal Dtch Pt	6850	+50	...	5.1	14.0
4500	4025	Schlumberger	4500	+50	...	1.7	...
65	47	Seafield	64	...	...	...	...
807½	615	Shell	632	...	31.0	4.1	19.4
203	182	Sunrise Erie N	193	...	...	...	...
10½	4½	Teredo	8	...	...	...	1.0
41	21	Triton Europe	26	+1	...	...	5.0
13	6	Villers Grp	12	...	...	...	...
172	143½	Woodside	156	...	...	2.3	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
331	289	API	330	...	7.5	2.5	26.7
195	144	Arjo Wiggins	180	...	...	4.1	16.7
505	406	Abbott Mead	504	...	9.5	2.3	30.1
1½		Aegis Group	1½	...	...	...	...
40	12	Argyle Gp	36	...	...	1.5	...
212	155	Aspen Comms	180	...	...	3.2	17
12	7	BBB Design	11	...	...	...	...
151	124	Bemrose	151	+3	...	4.2	14.4
13	13	Birkdale	13	...	0.2	1.9	11.0
136	118	Bunzl	133	+2	4.0	3.9	20
28½	25	CIA Gp	27	...	...	...	20.1
28	9½	Capital Inds	26	...	...	...	10.0
50	44	Cth of Lon	46	+2	...	5.0	∞
256	164	Cropper (James)	236	...	3.1	...	...
6		Crown Comm	8	...	...	...	...
112	51	Delyn Packing	96	-1	...	1.6	25
117	94	Dolphin Pack	117	...	4.5	4.3	24.4
56	43	Dudley Jenkins	44	...	...	...	14.2
15½	12½	Ebdon	13½	...	...	...	...
21		Fairway Groups		...	...	...	...
323	271	Ferguson Intl	312	+2	12.5	5.0	...
105	92	Ferry Pick	105	...	...	6.7	...
124	74	Filofax	120	+2	...	1.5	...
20	14	Finch	14	...	...	...	...
100	60	Gibbon Lyons	97	...	...	7.2	17.1
295	247	Gold Greenlees	274	...	...	...	23.0
41	30	Goodhead	36	...	0.5	2.4	...
48	43	Hunnyprint	47	-1	...	...	...
195	136	Intereurope	175	...	7.4	5.5	11
244	191	Jarvis Porter	238	...	4.2	2.4	...
32	15½	Lopex	31	...	...	...	...
240	176	More O'Ferrall	240	+1	13.2	...	...
91	48	NMC Group	91	+1	1.2	...	19.0
118	96	Osborne & Little	114	...	...	5.0	12
517	455	Portals	499	...	...	...	...
260	167	Quarto	246	...	...	2.3	...
347	310	St Ives Gp	340	...	5.2	2.1	...
195	142	Saatchi	171	+1½	...	...	...
472	354	Sappi	457	-11	...	9.0	...
35	11½	Sentak	25	...	...	...	...
	14	Shandwick	12	...	...	...	...
354	294	Smith David	343	-2	9.5	3.5	15
295	235	Smurfit (Jeff)	250	-2	...	4.1	14
240	183	Stat-Plus	242	-1	8.0	4.1	...
25½	16½	Taylor Nelson	25½	...	...	1.5	21
16		VTR	16	...	...	0.5	15
40		WPP	46	-2	...	1.5	...
130	85	Ware	130	+1	...	...	...
221	201	Waddington (J)	210	...	7.0	4.5	15
731	540	Wathmough	710	...	11.5	2.0	26
7	4½	Westport	6½	...	...	...	...
32	12	Whitney Mack	29	...	...	...	...
37		Wood (SW)	31	...	...	2.2	15

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
77	41	Allied Lon	75	...	3.5	5.0	26
61	48	Arcadian	63	...	...	...	...
64	55	Asda Prop	60	...	2.1	2.9	40
130	86	Avonside	126	...	4.0	4.2	19
207½	200	BCEA	241½	+25	...	...	...
402	306	Bilton	400	...	16.0	4.0	21
54	23	Bourne End	53	...	1.0	2.4	...
213	150	Bradford	196	...	5.4	3.4	...
23	12	Bredero	13	...	...	...	12
335	160	Br Land	321	-2	...	2.7	30
206	140	Brixton	191	...	...	5.4	15
72	42	Burland	72	...	...	2.6	...
156	60	Cap & Regnl	152	...	...	1.0	...
185	120	Cardiff Prop	155	...	2.4	16	...
375	190	Chesterfield	371	...	11.0	3.7	26
37	12	City Site Ests	31	...	1.4	...	...
23	12	Clarke Nickolls	21	...	0.3	...	5.1
30	10	Clarmont	28	+2	...	...	...
35	34	Conrad Rhin GS	44	-1	...	1.4	...
1128	818	Daejan	1125	...	25.0	2.4	17
3½	1½	Dares Estates	2½	+½	...	...	...
95	53	Debenham Tewson	93	...	2.5	3.4	7
12	4	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
141	76	Delkorn	140	...	3.4	...	27
498	283	Derwent Hldgs	490	...	4.6	1.2	64
56	29	Duves	54	...	...	...	...
252	170	Estates Agency	250	...	3.0	...	22
27	7½	Estates Gen	19½	...	...	...	...
171	132	Evans Of Leeds	171	...	4.1	3.0	16
27	11	Five Oaks	27	...	...	...	...
53	30	Fletcher King	53	...	1.0	2.4	∞
436	295	Frogmore	404	-17	...	4.8	2
185	97	Grainger	183	-2	5.2	3.6	40
205	130	Gt Portland	186	+1	...	4.7	17
38	7	Greycoat	22	...	5.2	...	...
145	101	Hk Land	136	...	...	3.7	∞
75	35	Hambro Cntry	62	...	...	...	...
387½	257½	Hammerson	377	...	10.0	3.7	34
353	345	-do- 'A'	369	+1	10.0	4.0	31
223	127	Helical Bar	223	...	...	2.7	...
31	19	Hemingway	30	-1	...	...	...
132	57	Herring Baker	75	-1	...	3.2	∞
153	131	Jermyn	139	...	...	...	...
597	435	Land Sec	591	+6	22.5	4.5	17
69	73	Lon Merch Sec	68	...	1.6	5.0	15
4½	1½	Lon & Metro	3½	...	...	...	...
442½	315½	MEPC	398	...	...	6.6	17.0
5	5	McInerney A	6	...	...	...	...
130	90	McKay Secs	125	...	6.7	...	20
7½	3	Markheath	7	...	0.5	...	...
49	12	Merivale Mre	43	...	1.0	...	...
5	5	Merlin Intl	5	...	...	...	...
8	29	Moorfield Est	16	...	...	...	...
1150	775	Mountview	1075	-25	20.0	2.4	...
146	112	Mucklow (A&J)	145	...	5.4	5.1	20
46	30	Olive Hldgs	39	-2	1.3	4.8	...
10½	4	Owen Est	4½	...	0.1	...	1.4
131	88	PSIT	127	...	3.7	3.7	25
211	138	Peel	210	+1	3.0	1.8	...
16	5	Power Corp	10	...	...	...	1.1
41	22	Property Trust	33	...	...	...	...
15	7½	Raglan	2½	...	...	...	...
29	11	Regalian	19	-1	...	...	...
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	135	...	1.5	1.4	...
37	16	St Modwen Prp	32	-1	1.0	2.5	21
70	39	Savills	61	...	...	...	...
82	34	Scot Met	75	...	1.5	...	...
96	39	Shaftesbury	94	...	...	...	...
15½	5	Shield	15	...	...	...	...
224	139	Slough Estates	206	+1	...	4.0	14
82	50	Southend Prop	67	-1	4.1	7.8	...
28	16	Stanhope Prp	24	...	...	...	...
177	116	Tops Ests	173	-2	3.0	1.4	...
110	70	Town Centre	108	+1	3.1	3.6	...
72	43	Trafford Park	67	-1	2.5	4.8	...
38	8	UK Land	35	...	...	...	...
7½	4	Union Square	7½	...	...	...	...
243	180	Warner	232	...	10.5	5.0	...
202	168	Warnford	195	...	7.5	4.0	...
8	3½	Waterglade	6	...	...	...	...
67	35	Wates	61	...	0.7	1.6	...
76	40	Wood John Da	67	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	11	Automagic	16	...	...	...	...
157	86	Headlam	156	...	...	2.1	4.4
500	330	Lambert	363	...	13.0	4.2	4.4
100	76	Pinards	76	-1	2.0	3.3	21
30	20	Strong & Fisher	28	...	1.0	4.5	7.8
160	89	Stylo	156	...	...	2.4	9
55	53	UK Safen	54	...	...	21.8	1

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
414	408	Allied Text	401	+8	12.6	3.2	15
69	54	Beckman (A)	61	...	4.7	...	12.1
33	21	Bolton Gp	29	...	...	...	14
165	141	Br Mohair	160	...	8.5	6.6	∞
20	15	Charnwelle	20	...	0.4	2.5	...
345	298	Claremont Gs	330	...	7.2	2.7	20
601	522	Courtauld Text	542	-4	13.6	3.1	14
53½	34½	Cupida	40	...	...	...	...
248½	208	Dawson	209	...	...	5.4	15
30	22	Drummond	26	...	...	...	...
37½	27	Dunkeld	31	-1	...	...	...
72	65	Faupel	70	...	...	5.7	6
34	15	Foster (John)	22	-1	...	...	...
133	82	Gaskell	116	...	4.2	4.6	...
186	156	Hicking Pntcst	183	...	4.0	2.9	...
50	45	Jerome (S)	50	...	...	...	...
365	240	Lamont	340	...	12.0	4.3	2
506	357	Leeds	476	+1	...	1.9	23
42	15	Lister	36	-1	0.1	0.3	...
122	78	Lyles (S)	80	...	4.0	7.7	11
180	89	Magellan	150	...	1.4	1.1	...
136	64	Parkland 'A'	136	+1	2.0	1.8	...
102	82	Readicut	95	...	3.4	4.5	∞
53	35	SEET	41	...	...	...	...
94	72	Sirdar	80	...	5.1	7.2	15
70	44	Stirling Gp	67	...	1.8	3.7	∞
51	42	Stoddard	44	...	2.6	7.5	11
312	250	Tomkinsons	295	...	11.5	4.9	25
62	37½	West Trust	41	...	...	...	7
417	282	Yorklyde	355	-8	10.4	3.4	12

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
507	411	BAT	431	-1	...	5.4	16.2
722	584½	Rothmans 'B'	720	...	10.2	1.8	16.5

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
441	340	Assoc Br Ports	417	-22	...	2.5	...
813	717	BAA	722	-2	...	2.5	18.0
312	249	Br Airways	308	+1	...	4.5	16
106	56	Clarkson (H)	98	...	1.5	2.1	...
23	23	Davies Newman	22	...	...	...	...
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	430	...	...	...	...
92	44	Fisher (James)	90	...	1.0	2.6	13.2
160	126	Graig	155	...	...	0.6	∞
191	147	IoM Steam	189	...	...	5.1	∞
34	23	Jacobs (JI)	32	...	0.5	2.0	...
84	31	Lon O'Seas Frt	84	...	...	1.5	16
2250	1262½	Manchstr Sh	2150	+50	4.5	0.3	11
349	280	Mersey Docks	343	...	7.5	2.7	22
210	161	Nat Express	202	...	...	4.4	14
281	238	NFC	243	-1	6.5	3.4	15
302	244	Ocean Group	291	-4	...	6.2	24
65	40	Ocean Wilson	60	...	4.0	8.3	10
680	504	P & O Dfd	639	...	...	6.1	3.1
152	127	P & O 5½%	150	+1	...	4.6	...
555	448	Powell Duffryn	536	...	22.0	5.3	∞
140	117	Seacon	136	...	...	4.7	∞
139	112	Stagecoach	131	...	...	3.6	16
42	24	TIP Europe	41	...	1.4	4.2	16
50½	31½	TNT	49	...	...	...	...
765	624	Tibbet & Britn	725	-10	11.8	2.0	27
382	173	Tiphook	354	-6	17.3	6.1	7
238	231	TDG	232	...	9.5	5.1	...

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
553	455	Anglian Water	463	+1	...	5.6	4.6
652	547	Northumbrian	593	...	...	5.1	4.0
531	439	North West	471	+5	...	5.7	5.4
533	430	Severn Trent	462	+1	...	5.7	6
554	454	Sthrn Water	475	+3	...	5.6	7.5
1390	1225	Sth Staffs	1305	...	47.0	4.8	∞
509	465	Sthn West	480	+6	...	6.1	5.0
503	454	Thames Water	471	+4	...	5.5	5.0
612	506	Welsh Water	570	+6	21.4	4.6	6
649	536	Wessex Water	582	+6	...	4.8	6
503	473½	Yorkshire W	482	+2	...	5.5	8

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
101½	100	Treas 12¼% 1993	100	...	12.50	...
101½		Fund 6% 1993	100	...	6.00	5.60
103½	101½	Treas 13¾% 1993	103½	...	13.30	5.41
102½	101	Treas 8¼% 1994	101½	...	8.35	5.60
109½	106½	Treas 14½% 1994	108½	-½	13.69	5.55
109½	106½	Exch 13½% 1994	106½	-½	12.68	5.54
105½	104½	Treas 10% 1994	104½	...	9.61	5.62
110½	107½	Exch 12¼% 1994	107½	...	11.62	5.73
105½	103½	Treas 9% 1994	104½	...	8.64	5.83
111½	108½	Treas 12% 1995	109½	-½	11.00	5.90
96½	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	96	...	3.13	5.29
109	105½	Exch 10½% 1995	107½	...	9.50	6.12
116	113½	Treas 12¾% 1995	114½	-½	11.18	6.26
120½	117½	Treas 14% 1996	117½	-½	11.91	6.50
125½	121½	Treas 15¼% 1996	122½	-½	12.49	6.61
120½	116½	Exch 13¼% 1996	117½	-½	11.32	6.64
111	106½	Conv 10% 1996	109½	-½	9.12	6.75
122½	118	Treas 13¼% 1997	119½	-½	11.08	6.95
113	110½	Exch 10½% 1997	111½	...	9.43	6.91
108½	105	Treas 8¾% 1997	106½	...	8.23	6.94
132½	127½	Exch 15% 1997	128½	-½	11.68	7.21
112	109½	Exch 9¾% 1998	110½	-½	8.86	7.11
103½	99½	Treas 7¼% 1998	101½	-½	7.17	6.94
101	97½	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	98½	-½	6.81	6.95
130	125½	Treas 15½% 1998-01	126½	-½	11.60	7.40

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
138½	133½	Treas 15½% 1998	135½	-½	11.48	7.32
122	118	Exch 12% 1998	119½	-½	10.02	7.45
112	108½	Treas 9½% 1999	109½	-½	8.66	7.31
124½	120½	Exch 12¼% 1999	121½	-½	10.07	7.51
117½	112½	Treas 10½% 1999	114½	-½	9.17	7.38
117½	112½	Conv 10¼% 1999	113½	-½	9.00	7.43
107½	106	Conv 9% 2000	108½	-½	8.31	7.37
131	129	Treas 13% 2000	127½	-½	10.16	7.75
115½	109½	Treas 10% 2001	112½	-½	8.84	7.60
114½	108½	Treas 9¾% 2002	112½	+½	8.68	7.82
103½	97½	Treas 8% 2003	101½	+½	7.87	7.73
116½	109½	Treas 10% 2003	114	+½	8.75	7.89
122½	116½	Treas 11½% 2001-04	120	-½	9.58	7.96
74½	67½	Fund 3½% 1999-04	72½	+½	4.81	7.07
112½	105½	Conv 9½% 2004	111	+½	8.56	7.98
112½	105½	Conv 9% 2005	111½	+½	8.55	8.00
131½	124½	Treas 12½% 2003-05	129½	+½	9.67	8.21
103½	94½	Treas 8% 2002-06	100½	+½	8.00	7.90
125½	118½	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	123½	+½	9.54	8.19
104½	97½	Treas 8½% 2007	103½	+½	8.21	8.06
140½	131½	Treas 13½% 2004-08	136½	+½	9.92	8.26

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
108½	101½	Treas 9% 2008	107½	+½	8.36	8.09
99½	92½	Treas 8% 2009	98½	+½	8.10	8.14
108½	100½	Conv 9% 2011	107½	+½	8.38	8.29
108½	100½	Treas 9% 2012	107	+½	8.38	8.20
76½	70½	Treas 5½% 2008-12	76½	+½	7.23	7.91
97½	89½	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	95½	+½	8.14	8.21
97½	93½	Treas 8% 2013	97½	+½	8.17	8.20
130½	125½	Exch 12% 2013-17	134½	+½	8.94	8.43
105½	97½	Treas 8¾% 2017	104½	+½	8.34	8.25

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
42½	38½	War Ln 3½%	41½	...	8.36	...
30½	27½	Treas 2½%	30½	...	8.28	...

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Gross red yld
134½	131½	Treas IL 2% 1994	134½	-½	...	1.20
197½	194½	Treas IL 2% 1996	196½	-½	2.01	2.86
109½	108½	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	108½	-½	2.37	3.01
166½	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	164½	-½	2.09	3.27
163½	158	Treas IL 2½% 2003	162½	-½	2.09	3.30
111½	105½	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	110½	-½	3.07	3.37
170½	159½	Treas IL 2% 2006	169½	-½	3.10	3.33
154½	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	153½	-½	3.26	3.47
159½	148½	Treas IL 2½% 2011	158½	-½	3.33	3.52
131½	122½	Treas IL 2½% 2013	130½	-½	3.38	3.55
139½	130½	Treas IL 2½% 2016	138½	-½	3.45	3.61
133½	124½	Treas IL 2½% 2020	133	-½	3.50	3.65
111½	102½	Treas IL 2½% 2024	110½	-½	3.51	3.66
111½	103½	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	111½	-½	3.51	3.65

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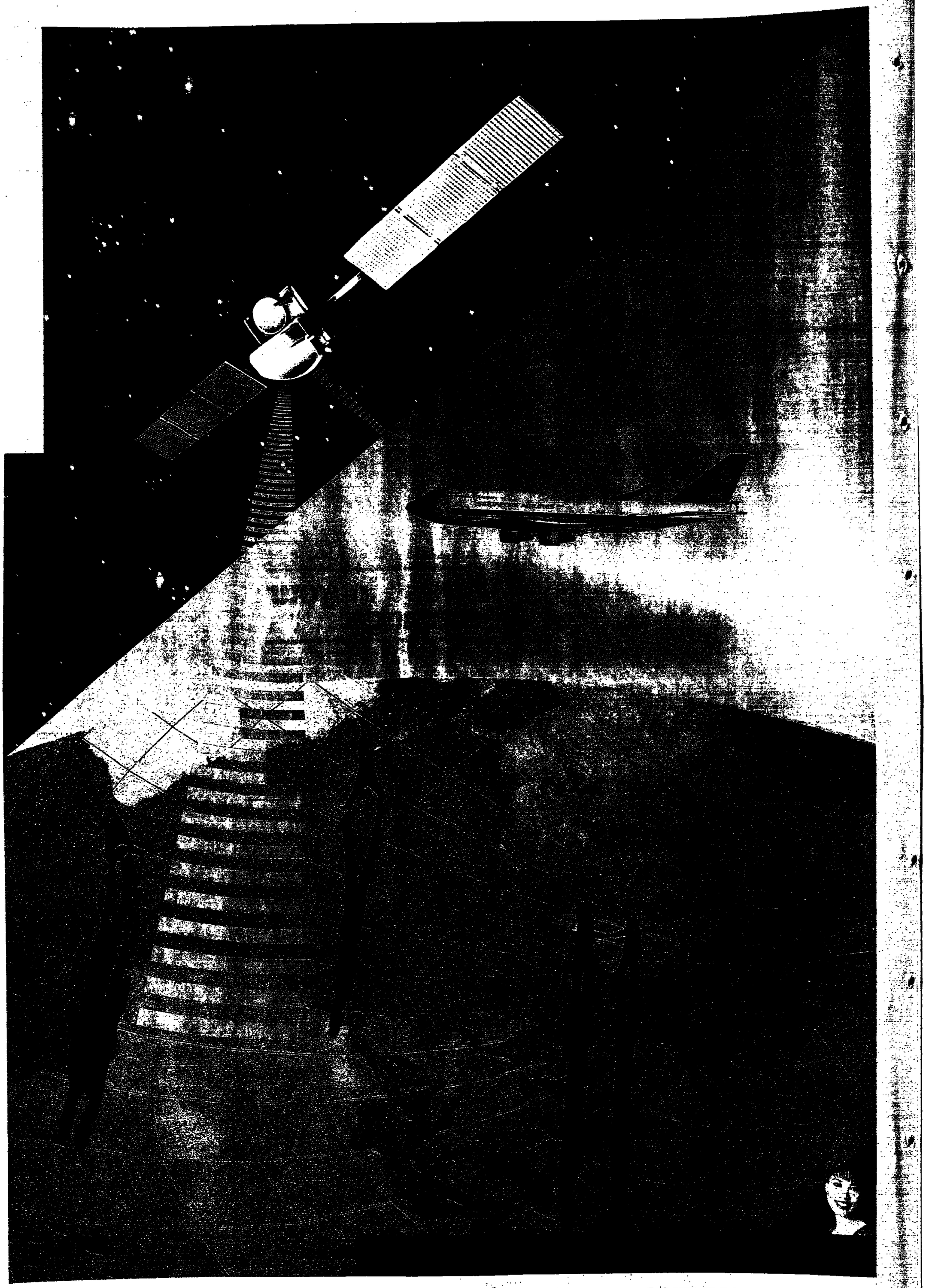

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-do- Inc	224.10	238.50	-0.60	2.67
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-do- Inc	92.47	97.66	-0.25	8.17
Nth America	256.60	273.00	+1.80	...
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Europe	227.80	242.40	+0.80	1.02
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-do- Acc	470.10	500.20	-0.20	2.40
Brit Excell	63.93	68.01†	-0.09	2.69
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Brit Fndmtls Acc	86.65	92.18	-0.07	4.80
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Brit O seas	254.00	267.40	+4.50	1.33
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Worldwide Opps	152.00	160.00	...	0.63
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General	243.30	260.20	+0.30	2.92
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Income	492.90	527.20	+1.60	4.40
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American Gth	93.56	99.38	+1.37	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	120.00	128.30	+2.10	...
Convertibles	53.27	56.97†	+0.06	7.10
Eastern	188.30	204.00	+1.90	1.60
Equity Income	82.80	88.08	...	6.30
European Gth	228.20	242.50	+0.20	1.50
Euro Smllr Cos	150.90	161.20†	+0.90	1.90
Exempt	84.03	86.15	+0.62	3.60
German Growth	57.24	60.95	+0.18	0.70
Global Growth	109.40	116.80	+1.30	...
Japan Growth	195.30	209.00	+3.10	...
Japan Sunrise	169.80	181.40	+1.60	...
Portfolio	118.90	127.20	+0.10	3.20
-do- Acc	211.80	226.80	-0.20	3.20
UK Growth	83.28	88.59†	-0.66	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	86.28	92.19	-0.28	1.90
Select Managers	64.01	68.54	+0.17	2.00
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD 190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA 041 332 3132				
Balan Gth Acc	106.28	113.66	+0.07	1.87
-do- Inc	96.61	103.33	+0.07	1.87
Global Bond	29.48	31.28†	-0.18	5.37
High Yield Acc	54.28	58.05	-0.15	3.50
-do- Inc	39.40	42.14	-0.11	3.50
Smlr Cos Acc	93.17	99.64	-0.14	1.35
-do- Inc	85.63	91.58†	-0.12	1.35
Amer Gth Acc	58.43	62.49	+1.02	...
-do- Inc	57.34	61.33	+1.00	...
Euro Gth Acc	101.23	108.27	+0.07	1.07
-do- Inc	99.84	106.78	+0.07	1.07
Mngd P folio	35.51	37.98	+0.20	1.29
Pacific Growth	102.36	109.47	+0.84	0.58
Intl Spec Opps	88.87	95.05	+0.77	0.67
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Financial	127.60	135.90	+0.30	3.08
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Income	128.30	137.20	-0.10	4.01
Mngd P folio Inc	95.46	101.70	+0.30	1.95
-do- Acc	180.40	192.10	+0.40	...
North American	103.90	110.70	+0.80	0.20
Orient	129.10	138.90†	+2.20	...
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German	40.27	43.19	+0.35	0.09
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European Inc	22.29	24.00	+0.19	0.47
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Fellowship Tst	61.82	65.88	+0.08	1.44
-do- Acc	69.80	74.36	+0.08	1.25
Income Fund 5	215.80	229.60	-0.20	4.09
-do- Acc	502.10	534.20	-0.30	4.14
Inv Portfolio	68.36	70.84	+0.30	2.11
-do- Acc	77.20	80.00	+0.35	2.07
Smaller Cos	127.90	136.10†	...	1.66
-do- Acc	154.60	164.70†	+0.10	1.52
High Inc P folio	60.94	63.16	-0.21	4.59
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 117 Fenchurch St, London EC3M 5AL 071 480 7216				
Sht Gilt Fxd Int	66.29	67.19	+0.14	5.78
CTS UNIT MANAGERS LTD PO Box 185, Manchester M60 0AH 061 837 5060				
Environ	135.50	144.21†	+0.20	1.68
UK Growth	148.90	158.30	-0.10	2.07
UK Income	124.10	132.10	-0.10	4.11
CANNON FUND MANAGERS 1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB 081 902 8876				
SE Asia	86.83	93.36	+0.49	0.98
Growth	44.32	47.40	-0.19	2.89
Income	54.45	58.24	-0.14	4.12
Far East	48.44	51.81	+0.77	...
North American	85.04	90.98	+1.25	...
Global	85.19	91.11	-0.64	0.87
European	70.80	75.72	+0.13	1.18
Japan	110.90	118.60	+2.30	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	59.92	63.40	+0.04	5.06
UK Cap Gwth	80.53	86.13	+0.65	1.95
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF Enquiries: 061 236 5685 Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	131.90	140.40	-1.70	0.22
-do- Acc	140.20	149.20	-1.80	0.22
European	66.58	70.49	+0.22	0.76
-do- Acc	68.98	73.06	+0.22	0.76
Far East Gen	64.68	68.81	+0.78	...
-do- Acc	64.68	68.81	+0.78	...
Glenfriars	259.10	275.90	-1.90	0.67
-do- Acc	291.20	310.40	-2.20	0.67
Growth	382.10	408.70	-0.90	2.23
-do- Acc	654.20	699.70	-1.40	2.23
Income Growth	377.80	402.00	-0.80	3.78
-do- Acc	502.40	534.50	-1.00	3.78
Master Portfolio	9366.0	9913.0	...	2.31
-do- Acc	11071.0	11472.0	...	2.31
Special Sits	87.73	93.34	-0.15	2.20
-do- Acc	102.66	109.22	-0.18	2.20
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1207.0	1245.0†	-2.00	4.32
-do- Acc	1424.0	1460.0	-2.00	4.32
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 7 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4HU 071 955 5050. Dealing: 071 955 5055				
American Index	195.60	208.60	-2.30	1.58
Capital	357.50	373.60	-1.00	2.37
Eurotrack 100	131.60	140.10	+0.70	1.48
Euro Gth	81.78	87.20	-0.67	1.29
Far East Growth	92.05	98.22	+1.26	0.07
Global Bond	24.35	25.66	-0.20	6.42
Hong Kong	84.10	89.75	+1.15	0.77
Income	504.30	538.20	-1.50	3.92
Intl Growth	74.17	79.15†	+1.05	0.98
Japan Growth	265.90	283.30	+5.50	...
Japan Smllr Cos	33.88	36.15	+0.90	...
Japan Index	78.91	84.21	+1.92	0.23
Nth American	446.70	476.70	-2.80	0.46
S pore Mly Gth	55.07	58.77†	+1.53	...
The Rootsie Fd	107.60	113.60†	-0.40	2.70
Tiger Index	145.10	154.80	+1.50	0.60
Tiddle Index	106.40	113.50	-0.20	2.53
UK Index	125.10	133.50	-0.40	3.00
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH 071 606 0708				
American P folio	84.81	90.58†	+0.44	1.00
European P folio	73.71	78.44	+0.38	1.38
Japanese P folio	64.52	68.56	+1.66	...
Pacific P folio	101.90	109.57†	+0.36	1.07
Cazenove P folio	71.95	76.96	+0.27	3.00
UK Income Gth	63.72	68.40	-0.07	5.00
Utility & Bond	50.07	50.78	-0.12	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	599.55	601.80	...	4.95
Fixed Int	153.15	153.90	...	9.42
Deposit	5.70	...	5.82	...
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND 2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ 071 588 1815				
Income	590.99	598.50	...	5.00
-do- Acc	2316.8	2332.7	...	...
Deposit	5.60	...	5.72	...
Fxd Int Inc	124.45	124.64	...	9.31
-do- Acc	166.60	166.40	...	...
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1 071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	63.19	66.52	...	2.27
Beckman Intl	83.37	87.99	+2.35	3.01
Friars Hse Inc	178.35	191.77†	...	6.08
Friars Hse Cap	248.32	267.01	...	2.73
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222 Dealing: 081 686 9818				
Smaller Cos	36.12	38.42	-0.71	1.83
-do- Acc	40.70	43.29	-0.79	1.83
Wwide Bd	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
Wwide Sp Sits	57.10	61.07	+0.43	0.23
-do- Acc	59.49	63.63	+0.46	0.23
Quilter	123.82	131.72	-0.14	2.48
-do- Acc	137.50	146.28	-0.17	2.48
Quilter Income	...	...	...	...
-do- Acc	...	...	...	...
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Deposit	92.37	92.37	+0.01	5.02
-do- Acc	92.37	92.37	+0.01	5.02
Fixed Conv	40.99	43.61†	-0.15	6.67
-do- Acc	108.29	115.20	-0.02	6.67
Equity Income	143.93	153.12	-0.43	3.63
-do- Acc	462.01	491.50	-1.35	3.63
Preference	47.63	50.67	+0.51	7.13
-do- Acc	244.36	259.96	+2.61	7.13
PPT Europe	150.17	159.76	+0.36	1.05
PPT Mthly Inc Plus	47.82	50.87	+0.38	7.83
PPT Global Bond	86.34	91.73	+0.73	5.37
PPT Gold Com	57.87	61.56	+0.14	...
PPT Oriental Gth	56.55	60.16	-0.19	0.25
PPT Far East Gth	106.60	113.40	+1.31	0.12
PPT High Yield	116.10	123.51	-0.24	4.66
-do- Acc	446.65	475.16	-0.95	4.66
PPT Managed	61.95	65.90	+0.11	3.38
-do- Acc	75.66	80.49	+0.06	3.38
PPT UK General	68.62	73.00	-0.18	2.52
-do- Acc	83.27	88.59	-0.22	2.52
PPT Japan	115.28	122.64	+2.22	...
PPT N Amer	150.48	160.09	+1.39	0.05
PPT UK Gth	118.88	126.47	-0.24	2.02
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	84.65	90.05	+1.03	0.88
Japanese Acc	61.99	65.95	+1.32	...
UK Balncd Inc	127.50	135.60†	...	2.47
-do- Acc	150.40	160.00†	...	2.47
UK Growth Acc	208.50	221.80†	+0.30	2.18
UK High Inc	133.70	142.20†	+0.10	6.68
-do- Acc	161.70	172.00†	+0.10	6.68
N America Acc	113.20	120.40	+1.30	0.32
European Acc	156.80	166.80	+1.20	0.42
UK Pref F/I Inc	59.91	63.54†	-0.02	8.89
-do- Acc	98.26	104.20†	-0.10	8.89
Intl Sp Sits Acc	48.91	52.03	+0.83	0.22
Environmntl Opp	71.36	75.92	-0.11	1.73
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	113.40	120.50	-1.40	0.41
UK Smlr Cos	200.80	213.50†	-0.40	1.17
Eurofund	37.85	40.07	+0.29	1.08
Mngd Exempt	167.10	174.20	+1.80	3.01
Growth Inc	215.60	229.10	-0.30	3.71
High Dist	142.00	150.80†	...	5.14
International	323.00	343.20	+1.30	0.95
Intl Income	81.56	87.07	+0.51	2.69
Pacific	60.06	63.81	+0.45	0.47
Smllr Jap Cos	70.82	75.25	+1.81	...
Tokyo	202.30	214.90	+5.40	...
Japan Exempt	116.10	119.30	-3.90	0.42
Smr Jap Exempt	597.60	614.00	-37.00	0.08
Equity Income	121.50	129.10†	-0.20	3.95
Formerly Target				
American Eagle	...	...	...	...
Australia	6.851	7.275	-0.082	1.06
Euro Spec Sits	141.40	149.60	-0.30	0.55
Financial	41.20	43.88	+0.16	2.72
Global Oppr Inc	89.50	94.65	+0.77	2.11
-do- Acc	92.56	98.35	+0.81	2.11
Gold Gen Inc	50.52	53.68	+0.31	0.80
-do- Acc	96.97	103.00	-0.60	0.80
Income	119.30	127.20†	...	4.01
Japan General	158.00	167.90	+4.50	...
Preference	21.62	23.29†	+0.06	7.79
UK Capital	104.20	110.70	...	3.05
Worldwide Cap	199.50	212.00	+0.70	3.03
World Income	85.50	91.30	+0.23	3.25
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT 41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU 071 373 7261				
Endurance	176.80	188.00	...	0.90
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks, HP21 7QW 0296 431480				
Pelican	106.00	111.60	-0.23	3.11
High Income	121.31	127.89†	-0.13	4.63
Tst of Inv Tsts	148.41	156.22	-0.21	1.90
Special Sits	87.05	91.63	-0.07	2.35
North American	103.08	108.50	+0.46	0.86
Far Eastern	249.03	262.14	+2.35	1.58
Intl Growth	96.06	101.12	+0.51	1.28
European	63.75	67.11†	+0.49	2.18
Smaller Cos	70.59	74.30†	-0.21	2.09
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 16 West Street, Brighton, BN1 2RE 0273 220 707				
United Charities	219.40	233.40	...	3.34
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.40
European Tst	122.40	130.20	-0.10	...
High Income	25.50	26.83†	...	5.58
FOREIGN & COLONIAL 8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St, London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	93.81	99.23	+0.18	0.75
Far Eastern	136.50	146.20	+1.80	...
Overs Income	89.58	95.84†	+1.24	2.23
UK Growth	95.28	101.90	-0.20	0.95
UK Income	100.60	107.60†	-0.40	3.22
US Smaller Cos	254.10	271.80	+2.80	0.08
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT 155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT 071 374 4100				
Amer Gth	49.11	52.21	+0.37	...
-do- Acc	49.11	52.21	+0.37	...
Am Smllr Co	427.40	457.00	+3.60	...
-do- Acc	436.60	466.90	+3.70	...
Capital	294.00	312.70	+0.70	2.01
-do- Acc	409.40	435.40	-0.80	2.01
Contl Smllr Cos	47.67	51.17†	+0.08	0.78
-do- Acc	49.82	53.48†	+0.08	0.78
Convertible	114.80	122.10	+0.20	5.77
-do- Acc	218.00	231.80	+0.50	5.77
Emg Mark	53.85	57.53	+0.49	...
-do- Acc	53.85	57.53	+0.49	...
European	95.28	101.60†	-0.10	1.01
-do- Acc	99.33	105.90†	-0.20	1.01
Extra Income	298.50	317.50	-0.70	3.97
-do- Acc	418.00	444.60	-1.00	3.97
Financial	105.40	114.30	+0.80	0.65
-do- Acc	111.40	119.70	+1.00	0.65
Gilt Gth Tst	61.86	63.79	-0.25	6.87
-do- Acc	79.93	82.42	-0.33	6.87
Health Fund Inc	118.50	126.60	+0.80	...
-do- Acc	118.50	126.60	+0.80	...
Income Tst	180.50	192.00†	-0.50	3.83
-do- Acc	255.70	271.90†	-0.90	3.83
Intl Growth	316.70	338.50	+3.30	...
-do- Acc	351.70	375.90	+3.70	...
Japan Gen	177.40	189.50	+3.80	...
-do- Acc	179.20	191.40	+3.90	...
Mngd P folio Inc	91.38	96.18	+0.33	0.86
-do- Acc	96.05	101.10	+0.30	0.86
Monthly Income	154.20	164.00	-0.20	3.92
Qrtly Inc	49.23	52.36†	-0.05	5.87
-do- Acc	49.35	52.49†	-0.04	5.83
Recovery	293.60	313.00	-0.10	0.63
-do- Acc	343.80	367.60	-4.20	0.63
UK Growth	47.23	50.45	+0.06	2.61
-do- Acc	47.23	50.45	+0.06	2.61
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts, SP1 3SH Dealing: 0722 411411 Administration: 0722-411622				
Equity Dist	351.01	373.41†	+0.63	2.66
-do- Acc	716.74	762.49†	+1.28	2.66
Euro Gth Dist	107.36	114.21	+0.62	0.87
-do- Acc	110.57	117.63	+0.64	0.87
Fixed Int Dist	130.10	137.61†	-0.15	6.36
-do- Acc	221.33	234.11†	-0.26	6.36
Intl Gth Dist	77.59	82.54†	+0.77	0.74
-do- Acc	80.54	85.68†	+0.80	0.74
Nth Amer Dist	170.57	180.48	+1.41	0.91
-do- Acc	184.77	195.73	+1.53	0.91
Pac Basin Dist	248.70	264.57	+3.09	0.14
-do- Acc	252.62	268.75	+3.15	0.14
Stewardship Dist	302.55	321.86†	-1.12	1.74
-do- Acc	360.75	383.78†	-1.33	1.74
Stwd Inc Dist	64.48	68.60†	-0.15	3.14
-do- Acc	79.78	84.87†	-0.19	3.14
N Am Stwd Dist	99.73	106.10	+1.88	...
-do- Acc	105.51	112.24	+1.99	...
GT UNIT MANAGERS Alban Gate, 14th Flr, 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567. Dllng: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	140.70	150.50	+0.60	...
European	411.60	436.80	+2.10	0.97
Far East General	225.70	240.70	+1.60	0.30
Germany	96.42	102.20	+0.40	0.45
Global Assets In	69.38	74.11	+0.25	2.17
Global Assets Ac	73.57	78.57	+0.27	2.13
Income Inc	123.80	132.50	-0.10	6.64
International	272.00	290.80	+2.60	0.96
Intl Income	77.09	82.10†	+0.59	4.85
Japan General	368.90	392.20	+6.30	...
Smllr Cos Div	47.51	50.82	-0.04	5.98
UK Capital Inc	170.80	182.70	-1.10	3.78
-do- Acc	292.30	312.60	-1.90	3.59
UK Spec Sits	78.42	83.88	-0.06	1.51
US General	117.40	124.90	+1.50	0.11
W wide Spec Sits	116.70	124.60	+1.40	0.11
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212 Dealing: 0277 264421, Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	44.46	47.55	-0.11	1.43
Cash Trust	120.08	120.08†	+0.01	5.24
Fxd Inv Inc	104.31	111.86	+0.16	4.10
-do- Acc	223.92	240.13	+0.33	4.10
UK Smaller Cos	105.03	112.63	...	0.84
Income Funds				
Preference Share	26.16	27.98	+0.42	7.76
High Inc	31.91	34.13†	...	4.81
UK Equity Inc	129.16	138.14	-0.43	3.90
Global Bond	30.16	31.26†	+0.43	4.61
International Funds				
Gold Intl	85.09	91.25†	-0.02	0.73
Frontier Markets	42.66	45.75	+0.25	0.48
Global Inc Gth	120.95	129.04	+0.06	1.91
UK Intl	114.56	122.52†	+0.49	0.34
Overseas Funds				
American	130.05	138.97†	+1.64	0.47
European	82.26	87.22	+0.30	0.61
Euro Sel Opps	97.02	103.49	+0.62	0.65
American Emerg	81.22	87.04	+1.00	...
Hong Kong	118.68	127.27	+3.26	1.96
Japan	221.63	235.32	+3.33	...
Pacific Growth	160.45	172.06†	+1.26	0.38
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 2HR. 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 588 0526				
Intl Growth	127.36	136.22	+0.88	0.37
American Gth	126.01	134.77	+0.96	...
European Gth	66.90	71.55	+0.38	0.42
Japan Gth	78.46	83.94	+1.87	...
Pacific Inc	145.18	156.34	+0.63	2.85
Pacific Strategy	125.94	134.70	-0.12	0.25
UK Prog Inc	71.09	75.02†	-0.66	4.61
Gt British Cos	47.72	50.43†	-0.08	2.70
UK Small Cos	44.95	48.11	-0.09	2.13
GRE UNIT MANAGERS 36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE 071 538 9668				
Cash	131.40	131.40	...	5.55
Gilt Fixed	121.30	126.80	-0.10	6.07
Growth Equity	292.20	312.10†	+1.90	2.13
Guardhill	432.90	462.90	+2.20	2.18
Income Trust	110.60	118.10†	-0.10	3.01
International	158.20	169.00	+1.80	0.36
Japan Trust	123.30	131.70	+2.70	...
Nth American	256.00	273.50	+3.10	0.48
Pacific	376.90	402.60	+0.30	...
European	342.30	365.60†	+2.90	0.74
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 900, Edinburgh EH35 1EW 0800 838986				
Global Adv Inc	35.48	37.61	+0.20	1.64
-do- Acc	37.14	39.37	+0.20	1.64
Inc Adv Inc	29.55	31.33†	...	4.01
-do- Acc	31.00	32.87	...	4.01
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	82.69	88.58	+0.07	1.16
Equity Income	112.80	120.00†	...	3.44
European	132.10	139.80	-0.60	1.21
Intl Situation	75.12	79.91†	+0.59	...
Japanese	141.10	149.70	+3.40	...
North American	97.46	103.40†	+0.90	...
Scandinavian	112.90	119.40	+0.20	0.01
Smaller Cos	30.64	32.60	+0.03	2.02
HENDERSON PO Box 2197, Kings House, 101-135 Kings Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET Enq: 0277 263280 Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	88.18	94.25	+0.56	...
Asian Enterprise	131.14	141.87†	+0.86	0.55
Australian	138.19	147.71	-1.91	1.34
European	371.66	393.56	+2.61	1.29
European Inc	71.63	75.76	+0.63	2.89
Euro Sml Co	118.37	126.06	-0.24	0.56
Extra Income	259.36	276.10†	-0.27	4.82
Family of Funds	70.78	75.59	+0.22	1.23
Fixed Interest	55.19	59.02†	+0.06	7.58
Global Resour	106.54	114.36	-0.98	0.73
High Inc	292.75	312.94	-0.58	4.24
Income Gth	237.32	252.74†	-0.49	3.57
-do- Acc	613.83	653.96†	-1.26	3.57
International	230.47	246.26	+2.27	0.93
Japan Spc Sit	239.88	255.02	+4.89	...
Japan	203.74	216.59	+3.63	...
N Amer	222.02	236.33	+2.26	0.24
Pacific Smllr Cos	192.64	207.71	-0.06	0.27
Pref Gilt	46.09	49.77	-0.04	8.48
Smaller Cos Div	169.66	184.92	+0.45	3.71
Special Sits	262.43	280.79	+0.19	1.70
-do- Acc	404.38	432.87	+0.30	1.70
Best of British	55.68	59.59†	-0.09	2.57
Spirit of the East	61.10	65.62	+0.76	1.35
Henderson TR Dealing 071 410 4029				
American Gth	79.14	84.63	+0.08	...
Euro Spec Sits	46.10	49.15	+0.33	1.44
-do- Acc	48.81	52.04	+0.35	1.44
Far East Opps	32.65	35.35†	+0.33	0.42
-do- Acc	33.69	36.48	+0.34	0.42
General Growth	99.63	106.64	+0.10	2.61
Global Tech	122.83	132.86†	+1.30	...
Income Growth	103.37	111.16	-0.16	3.73
Income Monthly	57.19	61.15	-0.19	5.38
Japan Growth	81.84	87.00†	+1.60	...
Overseas Gth	77.04	81.95†	+0.87	0.81
Smaller Cos	75.02	80.66	-0.14	1.63
Special Opps	106.20	114.19	+0.29	1.50
Wld Spec Sits	49.86	53.36	+0.77	0.76
-do- Acc	49.98	53.48	+0.77	0.76
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon 081 686 4355				
British	88.09	94.21	+0.49	2.24
Capital	157.70	168.60	+1.50	1.86
Dollar	311.20	332.80	+3.20	0.03
European	200.40	214.30	+0.80	0.63
Far East	242.20	259.00	+0.80	0.36
Financial	703.60	752.50	+0.70	1.95
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	25.42	26.82	+0.03	7.75
High Yield	100.40	107.30†	-0.10	4.56
Income	134.80	144.10	-0.20	3.42
Intl	216.80	231.80	+1.70	0.31
Japan Tech	71.70	76.68	+1.33	...
Nat Resources	60.82	65.04	-0.07	0.46
Security	297.90	318.60	-0.40	1.95
Smaller Cos	111.20	118.90	+0.30	1.25
Special Sits	137.30	146.80	-0.90	1.61
US Smaller Cos	66.89	71.54†	+0.56	...
INVESCO MIM UT MANAGERS 11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR 071 626 3434. Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	25.27	27.01	+0.03	1.53
Special Features	27.23	28.93	-0.02	1.61
-do- Acc	32.15	34.15	-0.04	1.61
General Funds				
UK Growth	53.15	56.88†	-0.18	1.88
Assets Earnings	71.38	75.73	-0.06	1.88
do Acc	83.76	88.99	-0.07	1.88
Managed Invest	87.52	93.48	+0.48	1.18
Expert Children	75.78	80.76	-0.01	1.80
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.73	50.73	+0.01	4.26
Extra Inc	79.19	84.71	-0.27	4.80
Gilt	27.38	28.82†	-0.08	6.85
Income Gth	38.82	41.43	-0.05	3.40
MIMstar	76.31	78.00	+0.08	7.87
Preference	17.64	18.74†	-0.02	6.39
UK Income	310.90	332.20	-0.40	2.89
Sector Specialist Funds				
Pfncl Sec	57.39	60.97†	+0.09	1.24
Property Shares	64.03	68.83	-0.04	1.72
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	144.78	152.00†	-0.10	3.68
European Acc	112.80	119.50	+0.60	1.75
European Dist	107.40	113.70	+0.60	1.75
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	49.06	52.20	+0.50	0.90
European Perf	111.60	118.40	+0.70	1.02
-do- Acc	113.70	120.60	+0.70	1.02
Euro Small Cos	21.38	22.74	+0.09	0.73
French Growth	65.87	70.08	+0.13	0.53
-do- Acc	70.37	74.86	+0.13	0.52
Hong K/China	73.30	77.88	+0.64	1.60
Intl Growth	51.75	54.98	+0.43	0.64
-do- Acc	51.75	54.98	+0.43	0.63
Japan Perf	34.05	36.15†	+0.47	...
Accum Units	34.05	36.15†	+0.47	...
Japan Smllr Cos	36.69	39.00	+0.63	...
Singapore Assn	82.04	87.16	-0.05	0.28
-do- Acc	82.55	87.70	-0.05	0.28
South East Asia	237.80	252.60	+0.50	0.94
US Smllr Cos	102.60	109.00†	+0.90	...
-do- Acc	103.70	110.10†	+0.90	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	83.39	88.92†	+0.18	2.19
Intl Bond	58.44	59.23	+0.36	6.14
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3 071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Cash Acc*	69.60	69.94†	...	5.02
Extra Income	51.10	54.38†	-0.08	7.11
Gilt Yield	117.70	124.10†	-0.30	7.28
Global Income	200.30	213.10†	+0.90	4.11
High Yield	133.70	142.20	-1.77	5.81
Smllr Cos Div	48.20	51.28†	+0.12	4.10
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	90.27	96.03	+1.07	...
North American	77.13	82.05†	+1.69	0.41
European	130.10	138.40†	+0.30	1.62
Euro Special	77.13	82.05	+0.42	0.94
General	266.70	283.70	+2.10	3.14
Japan	422.70	449.70	+7.00	...
Japanese Special	235.30	250.30	+6.20	...
Master Acc	216.20	230.00	+0.40	1.34
Pacific	269.10	286.30	+3.70	0.56
Smaller Cos	98.71	105.00†	-3.49	1.60
UK Equity Gth	36.29	38.61	-0.05	1.68
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 113 Dundas St, Edinburgh EH3 5EB 031 550 5851				
European	73.26	77.94†	+0.45	1.00
Extra Income	23.98	25.51†	-0.01	3.23
Far East	27.24	28.98	+0.23	0.96
Income Gwth	73.09	77.76	-0.04	2.74
Intl Growth	51.70	55.00	+0.38	0.07
Japan	64.42	68.53	+1.38	...
Maximum Dist*	100.10	102.10	-0.10	6.91
N Amer Equity	38.94	41.43†	+0.36	0.28
UK Equity	87.32	92.89	+0.15	2.90
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	53.43	56.84	-0.37	4.40
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS 5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690390				
Equity Dist	427.10	454.40	-0.70	2.72
Equity Acc	810.80	862.60	-1.30	2.72
Equity Income	91.81	97.73	-0.05	4.76
European	95.98	102.10	+0.30	1.27
Far Eastern	182.90	194.60	+1.60	...
Fixed Interest	51.64	54.94†	+0.03	6.35
Gilt	90.75	96.24	+0.06	6.39
Global Growth	66.28	70.51†	+0.57	0.43
Intl Bond	57.36	61.02	+0.56	4.65
Japanese	70.01	74.48	+1.33	...
Overseas Equity	95.37	101.50†	+1.10	0.05
Pacific Gth	87.32	92.89	-0.36	0.48
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD Mountbatten Hse, Chatham, Kent ME4 4JF 0634 834313				
Balanced	313.40	333.50	+0.50	2.78
-do- Acc	688.50	732.50	+1.10	2.78
Contl Euro Gth	50.71	53.96	+0.33	1.42
-do- Acc	53.62	56.45	+0.35	1.42
Extra Inc	239.60	254.60	-3.70	3.73
-do- Acc	592.30	630.20	-9.30	3.73
German Gth	99.54	104.80	+0.10	0.23
-do- Acc	104.40	109.90	+0.10	0.23
Growth Port	490.20	521.50	-2.10	1.16
-do- Acc	490.20	521.50	-2.10	1.16
Income	451.40	480.30	+7.30	3.50
-do- Acc	1159.0	1233.0	+19.00	3.50
Income Port	489.10	520.40	+0.40	4.22
-do- Acc	493.90	525.50	+0.40	4.22
Japan Growth	95.02	101.10	+2.21	0.01
-do- Acc	95.35	101.50	+2.26	0.01
Master Trust	51.73	55.04	+0.20	1.27
-do- Acc	56.95	60.59	+0.21	1.27
N American Gen	184.40	196.30	+2.30	0.01
-do- Acc	213.00	226.40	+2.60	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	138.20	147.10	+0.80	0.01
-do- Acc	141.00	150.00	+0.70	0.01
Pacific Basin	205.70	218.90	-2.30	0.62
-do- Acc	217.40	231.30	-2.50	0.62
Small Cos Rec	309.90	319.90	-9.00	2.03
-do- Acc	395.70	416.60	-11.70	2.03
UK Growth	78.14	83.13	-1.08	2.18
-do- Acc	91.11	96.93	-1.26	2.18
Worldwide Gth	279.10	297.00†	+0.90	0.16
-do- Acc	411.50	437.80	+1.20	0.16
LONDON & MANCHESTER Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282673				
General	77.86	83.54†	+0.31	2.80
Income	60.89	65.33	+0.02	5.30
International	57.09	61.25†	+0.54	0.70
American	59.74	64.10	+0.30	0.30
Japan	53.70	57.62	+1.28	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	56.87	61.03	+0.14	1.80
M & G SECURITIES LTD Victoria Rd, Chelmsford CM1 1FB Customer Services/Unit Dealing: 0245 390390				
American Gen	391.10	412.90	+2.40	0.89
-do- Acc	482.60	509.50	+3.00	0.89
American Rec	418.30	442.40	+5.50	0.21
-do- Acc	479.30	506.90	+6.30	0.21
Am Sm Co Acc	120.50	127.50	+1.40	...
Australia Acc	160.50	169.70	-0.80	1.17
Capital	675.70	714.60	+1.30	2.38
-do- Acc	745.60	788.50	+1.40	2.38
Commodity Acc	430.50	455.20	-1.20	0.80
Compnd Gth	824.60	872.00	-1.40	2.85
Dividend	35.40	37.40†	-0.10	4.10
-do- Acc	140.30	148.30	-0.50	4.10
Equity Inc	302.30	319.70	...	4.69
European Div	60.10	63.60	+0.40	4.26
-do- Acc	67.90	71.90	+0.40	4.26
European Gen	383.90	406.00†	+3.00	1.14
-do- Acc	482.20	510.00	+3.80	1.14
Extra Yield	377.00	398.70	-1.30	4.30
-do- Acc	1102.3	1166.0	-3.60	4.30
Far Eastern	301.20	318.50	+0.80	0.80
-do- Acc	396.20	418.90	+0.90	0.80
Fund of Inv	507.90	537.10†	+0.90	2.14
-do- Acc	926.50	979.70	+0.90	2.14
General	53.40	56.50†	...	3.50
-do- Acc	142.70	151.10	...	3.50
Gilt Fxd Int	61.90	62.00†	...	7.61
do Acc	155.60	155.93	...	7.61
Gold	54.20	57.30	-0.20	0.91
-do- Acc	63.40	67.00	-0.20	0.91
High Inc	24.90	26.30†	...	4.43
-do- Acc	94.20	99.70	...	4.43
Intl Growth	68.70	72.60	+0.50	0.92
-do- Acc	118.40	125.10	-0.80	0.92
Intl Inc	94.50	99.90	+0.60	4.57
Japan Gen Acc	49.60	52.50	+1.00	...
Japan Smllr Cos	146.80	155.20	+2.90	...
Midland	55.40	58.60	...	3.18
-do- Acc	177.30	187.80	+0.30	3.18
Recovery	36.70	38.80†	+0.10	2.56
-do- Acc	58.40	61.80	+0.10	2.56
Second Gen	61.50	65.00†	-0.10	3.36
-do- Acc	152.40	161.20	-0.20	3.36
Smaller Cos	60.80	64.30	+0.10	3.04
-do- Acc	115.20	121.90	+0.20	3.04
Trustee	39.00	41.20	-0.10	3.84
Charibond 3	3111.77	...	+0.10	9.64
Charifund 2	636.70	643.10	-1.40	5.13
Pension ex I	843.80	864.90	-0.60	4.22
NAACIF Inc 3	145.92	...	+0.30	7.67
-do- Acc 3	$1112.0	...	+4.70	7.67
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD PO Box 410, Chester X, CH99 9QG 0244 688066				
Inv Port Inc	137.30	146.80	+0.20	1.98
-do- Acc	152.40	163.00	-0.20	1.98
UK Income	113.80	121.70†	-0.16	2.60
-do- Acc	128.60	137.50†	-0.16	2.60
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	83.44	89.24	+0.45	0.76
Far East (Pacific)	135.40	143.70†	+2.00	0.64
Income Growth	72.23	76.67†	+0.73	3.42
European	67.12	71.25	+0.50	1.27
Nth American	56.58	60.06†	-0.36	1.01
UK Growth	76.69	81.41	-0.34	1.59
Intl Growth	94.49	100.30	-0.94	0.65
Charities	107.20	113.80†	-0.30	3.74
Intl Income	67.78	71.95†	-0.14	5.51
Japan	52.30	55.51	+1.28	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD 33 King William St, EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	188.50	200.30	+2.40	...
-do- Acc	201.50	214.00	+2.50	...
Cash	100.80	100.80	...	5.49
-do- Acc	129.70	129.70	...	5.49
European Gth	192.50	204.10	+0.90	0.78
-do- Acc	206.10	218.50	+1.00	0.78
General	464.90	495.00	-0.90	2.44
-do- Acc	884.30	943.30	-1.70	2.44
Global Dist	132.70	139.50	+0.70	5.23
-do- Acc	148.50	156.20	+1.00	5.23
Income	136.60	145.70†	-0.30	4.68
-do- Acc	201.50	214.80†	-0.40	4.68
International	387.00	412.40†	+4.00	0.68
-do- Acc	514.60	548.50†	+5.40	0.68
Japan	180.00	190.90	+3.20	...
-do- Acc	184.80	196.10	+3.40	...
New Europe	139.30	148.60	+0.50	1.75
-do- Acc	141.50	151.00	+0.40	1.75
Recovery	291.40	310.90†	-0.80	2.89
-do- Acc	368.20	392.80†	-1.10	2.89
European Inc	73.55	78.13†	+0.70	3.12
-do- Acc	95.05	100.90†	+0.90	3.12
Brit Blue Chip	72.40	77.10	-0.16	3.27
-do- Acc	85.39	90.93	-0.18	3.27
Portfolio	74.06	78.76	-0.28	2.88
-do- Acc	84.21	89.55	-0.30	2.88
Gold General	121.70	130.90†	+0.60	0.72
-do- Acc	124.30	133.70†	+0.50	0.72
Pacific	93.84	100.10†	+0.51	0.84
-do- Acc	99.75	106.40†	+0.50	0.84
UK Smaller Cos	52.69	56.21	+0.04	1.94
-do- Acc	58.80	62.73	+0.04	1.94
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD 192 Eyre Street, Sheffield, S1 3RD Dealing: 0742 520 200 Enquiries: 0742 529 076				
Balanced Dist	57.15	61.12	+0.07	2.89
-do- Acc	58.03	62.06	+0.07	2.89
British Dist	76.61	82.00	-0.27	2.08
-do- Acc	86.79	92.82	-0.31	2.08
European Gth	169.10	180.60†	+1.10	0.25
-do- Acc	212.30	226.80	+1.50	0.25
Extra High Inc	68.60	73.37	+0.14	6.25
-do- Acc	120.60	129.00	+0.20	6.25
FT-SE 100 Index	48.74	52.13	-0.09	2.61
-do- Acc	48.74	52.13	-0.09	2.61
Gilt Fixed Int	55.55	57.83†	-0.09	6.99
-do- Acc	148.30	154.40	-0.20	6.99
High Yield	215.70	230.70	-0.50	4.75
-do- Acc	506.40	541.60	-1.30	4.75
Income	279.10	298.50	...	3.34
-do- Acc	580.30	620.60	...	3.34
Japan Gth	333.90	356.50	+6.30	...
-do- Acc	351.80	376.30	+6.70	...
Mandarin Acc	99.67	106.60	+0.40	0.46
North American	165.50	177.00†	+1.90	0.25
-do- Acc	208.80	223.30	+2.30	0.25
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT Dealing: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	263.60	280.80	+3.00	...
Deposit Inc	100.03	100.03†	+0.01	6.22
Deposit Acc	122.72	122.72†	+0.01	6.22
Euro Gth Acc	278.90	297.90†	+1.10	...
Europa	125.10	134.30	+1.00	...
Intl Gth	169.70	181.40†	+1.20	...
Japan Tracker	76.20	80.73†	+1.98	...
UK Equity Inc	147.60	158.50†	...	4.13
-do- Acc	181.00	194.90†	...	4.13
UK Ind Tracker	143.60	153.70	+0.10	3.13
US Eq Ind Trkr	193.60	205.40	+2.10	1.42
-do- Acc	204.80	217.30	+2.20	1.42
Asian Trader	159.00	173.00†	+0.20	0.46
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 7 West Nile St, Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 933				
American Inc	168.50	172.60	+2.10	2.16
European	60.33	61.52	+0.15	1.49
Olympiad	54.78	56.18	+0.61	0.34
Global Bond	47.78	44.32†	+0.06	6.58
Smaller Cos	66.41	69.45†	+0.10	0.95
Equity Income	91.39	93.93†	+0.07	5.07
UK Growth	83.21	85.67	+0.06	2.02
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD The Bilsoe Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries: 0705 372222 Dealing: 0705 387130				
American Acc	46.88	50	+0.46	0.98
Australian Acc	290.80	312	-4.80	...
Conscience	61.81	65.96†	-0.08	1.08
-do- Acc	66.70	71.18	-0.09	1.08
European	167.10	178.20	+0.80	1.09
-do- Acc	179.80	191.70	+0.80	1.09
Extra Income	72.02	76.86	-0.04	5.77
-do- Acc	109.70	117	-0.10	5.77
Far East Gth	164.10	175.40	+1.70	0.07
Gilt Fxd Inc	58.38	61.79	-0.17	6.28
Gold	43.96	47.26	+0.08	...
-do- Acc	47.33	50.89	+0.09	...
Income	51.28	54.69†	...	5.14
-do- Acc	156.90	167.30	-0.10	5.14
International	29.21	31.34	+0.23	1.05
-do- Acc	41.96	45.02	+0.31	1.05
Jap Sm Cos Acc	327.80	349.60	+6.40	...
S pore Mly Acc	183	196.20	-2.40	...
Smllr Cos Acc	24.95	26.82†	...	2.05
Special Sits	32.21	34.63	-0.05	1.79
-do- Acc	37.09	39.88	-0.07	1.79
Tokyo	83.15	89.42	+1.21	...
-do- Acc	84.69	90.33	+1.24	...
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF 061 237 5322				
N&P UK Growth	67.97	72.31	-0.30	2.72
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	74.62	78.97	+0.11	6.57
N&P Higher Inc	192.90	205.30†	...	4.53
N&P UK Income	100.30	106.71†	+0.19	3.86
N&P Intl	86.60	92.13	+0.21	1.58
N&P Smaller Cos	76.39	81.27	-0.01	1.46
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS 2 London Bridge, London SE1 9RA 071 407 4404				
General	163.51	173.95	+0.10	2.33
Global	287.15	305.48	+2.49	1.14
Growth	107.81	114.70	-0.16	2.55
Income	200.43	213.23	-0.38	4.40
Intl Bond	128.18	136.10	-1.00	6.49
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD PO Box 500, Peterborough PE2 6BR 0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	136.80	144.00†	...	2.56
-do- Acc	242.50	255.20	...	2.56
Income	219.20	233.10	+0.40	3.54
Intl Equity	225.00	237.20	+2.80	0.87
-do- Acc	244.10	259.70	+3.10	0.87
Equity	215.00	228.70†	-0.10	2.45
-do- Acc	440.80	468.90	-0.20	2.45
UK Intl 25 Acc	69.32	73.74	+0.22	1.95
UK Income	60.70	64.57	+0.06	3.04
UK Smllr Co Acc	74.56	79.32	-0.03	1.42
New Europe Acc	61.53	65.46	+0.45	1.35
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST 48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	95.68	102.34	-0.11	0.09
PEP Gth Inc	101.22	108.26	-1.06	1.21
Intl Gth	484.91	518.63	-2.74	0.68
Income	302.18	323.19	-0.58	3.44
W wide Recov	307.18	328.54	-1.69	0.32
American Gth	200.87	218.05	-1.29	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	184.47	197.30	+0.85	0.05
Far East Gth	215.69	230.69	+2.38	0.01
European Gth	110.23	117.90	-0.10	1.25
UK Growth	77.00	82.36	-0.49	2.86
High Income	83.87	89.71	-0.13	4.48
Japanese Gth	212.84	226.63	+5.06	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook, London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 262443				
International	174.30	185.50	-1.80	0.84
High Income	108.70	115.60	-1.60	3.71
Conv Gilt	109.70	116.70†	+0.30	6.12
Far East	313.50	333.50	+2.50	0.27
Global Inc Acc	31.57	33.59	+0.32	5.00
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT 1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	50.99	54.24	+0.36	0.20
Emerging Mkts	64.64	68.77	+0.39	0.55
General	47.18	50.19†	-0.09	3.20
International	82.77	88.05	+0.61	1.37
Gilt Units	25.36	26.14†	-0.02	7.37
Global PEP	34.64	36.85	-0.14	2.10
Income Gth	64.63	68.76†	-0.22	4.76
European	42.30	45.00	+0.21	0.67
Gilt/Fixed Int	25.61	27.24†	+0.40	5.79
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 51/59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL 081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4490 Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314 Pricebank: 0426 925091				
Pru Mngd Tst	31.23	33.40	+0.20	1.75
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	101.31	101.31†	+0.01	5.06
-do- Acc	105.44	105.44†	+0.01	5.06
Pru Equity	655.96	701.56	-0.84	2.58
Pru Equity Inc	77.77	83.17†	-0.34	4.72
Pru European	171.99	183.94†	+0.45	1.23
Pru Global Gth	79.55	85.07	+0.37	1.22
Pru High Inc	82.89	88.65†	-0.36	4.94
Pru Intl	161.65	172.88	+1.36	1.04
Pru Intl Sm Co	69.03	73.82	+0.70	0.72
Pru Japanese	198.04	211.80	+4.33	...
Pru Nth Amer	142.23	152.11†	+1.87	0.84
Pru Pacific Mkt	77.01	82.36	+0.78	1.32
Pru Prem Inc	49.35	51.39	-0.01	7.45
Pru Smllr Cos	82.57	88.31	+0.06	2.04
Pru Spec Sits	96.90	103.63†	-0.23	2.45
Pru UK Growth	109.75	117.37	-0.19	2.31
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR Dealing: 071 634 298114				
NC Income	152.37	164.05†	-0.21	3.58
NC Japan	269.04	288.17	+6.39	...
NC Mid UK Cos	91.57	98.50†	+0.07	2.51
NC America Inc	486.80	522.04	+6.57	0.73
-do- Acc	565.42	606.35	+7.63	0.73
NC Smlr UK Cos	265.85	289.80	+0.72	1.51
NC European	250.38	267.32	+1.76	1.40
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB 0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	73.11	77.77	+0.73	3.63
Capital Units	144.00	153.10†	+0.50	1.28
Commodity	105.30	112.00	-0.10	1.16
European Gth	154.60	164.40	+1.70	1.30
Financial Sec	174.00	185.10†	+1.30	1.82
High Return	215.50	229.20	-1.00	4.41
High Yield	203.40	216.30	-1.00	4.03
Income Units	108.80	115.70	-0.40	4.92
Investment	177.30	188.50	+0.10	1.27
Japan Gth	152.80	162.50	+3.00	...
Japan Smaller	179.40	190.80	+2.80	...
Masterfund	46.45	49.41†	-0.16	1.29
Scotbits	254.80	271.00	+1.70	1.52
Scotshares	258.70	275.20†	-0.20	2.34
Scotyields	223.60	237.80	-0.80	3.89
Select Intl	128.90	137.10	+1.00	0.41
Smaller Cos	228.70	243.20	...	3.96
Special Situation	110.50	117.50†	-1.00	0.82
UK Equity	223.90	238.10	-0.60	2.68
US Growth	139.50	148.40	+1.30	0.38
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD 33 Gutter Lane, London EC2V 8AS. Client line: 0800 526 535. Broker line: 0800 526 540				
American	233.39	248.93†	-0.55	0.50
-do- Acc	252.86	269.71	-0.59	0.50
Australian	124.99	133.32	-1.27	0.90
-do- Acc	146.94	156.73	-1.50	0.90
UK Enterprise	215.06	229.39	-0.93	2.31
-do- Acc	248.43	264.99	-1.08	2.31
European Gth	61.20	65.06†	+0.55	1.49
-do- Acc	63.56	67.58	+0.58	1.49
Euro Smllr Cos	55.28	58.80	+0.14	0.43
-do- Acc	55.66	59.29	+0.14	0.43
Far Eastern Gth	71.26	76.01	+0.32	...
-do- Acc	72.42	77.24	+0.32	...
Fixed Interest	53.49	56.41	-0.05	6.85
-do- Acc	64.95	68.51	-0.05	6.85
Gilt Income	103.23	108.78	-0.32	7.56
-do- Acc	144.17	151.93	-0.45	7.56
Income	315.63	336.67	-0.18	3.87
-do- Acc	931.02	993.08	-0.54	3.87
Japan Enterprise	67.71	72.22	+1.79	...
-do- Acc	67.71	72.22	+1.79	...
Japan Smllr Cos	467.79	498.97	+9.15	...
-do- Acc	468.72	499.96	+9.16	...
Pacific Gth	96.09	102.49	-0.02	0.07
-do- Acc	98.94	105.53	-0.02	0.07
Smaller Cos	187.52	200.02†	+0.13	0.89
-do- Acc	216.69	231.13	+0.15	0.89
Tokyo	106.95	114.08	+2.45	...
-do- Acc	108.04	115.23	+2.47	...
UK Equity	211.09	225.16	+0.09	2.61
-do- Acc	390.92	416.98	+0.17	2.61
US Smllr Cos	133.83	142.75†	+0.71	...
-do- Acc	133.83	142.75	+0.71	...
World Fd	71.02	75.75	+0.30	1.44
-do- Acc	74.88	79.87	+0.32	1.44
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	46.48	49.50	+0.22	3.72
Equity Strategy	63.63	67.77	-0.10	1.04
European Opps	70.28	75.59	+0.35	3.22
Maximum Inc	99.34	101.91	+0.01	5.38
UK Smaller Cos	54.09	57.61	+0.01	2.33
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	343.30	366.80	-1.30	2.75
American	247.40	262.60	+3.10	0.94
Pacific	330.30	353.30	+5.00	0.67
European	448.30	479.50	+1.20	1.26
Worldwide	79.40	84.92	+0.05	1.09
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT 109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN 041 248 6100				
UK Equity	302.90	322.30†	+0.40	2.68
UK Sm Cos Eqty	208.30	221.60†	+0.10	1.69
European	330.90	352.10	+3.10	1.69
North American	255.10	271.40	+2.10	0.61
Income Plus Inc	66.39	70.63	+0.08	3.73
UK Spec Sits	67.18	71.47	-0.01	2.77
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD 6 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh EH2 2YA 031 558 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	25.68	27.49	+0.06	2.81
Intl Growth Acc	29.38	31.45	+0.29	1.04
Market Ldrs Acc	26.41	28.27	+0.04	2.87
FOR SGTR TRUSTS SEE HENDERSON				
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 21 New Street, Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4HR 071 626 [illegible]				
European	398.40	...	+0.64	...
Global Bond	397.37	...	+0.24	7.50
Japan Samurai	192.74	...	+2.02	...
UK Growth	196.75	...	-0.37	4.11
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ 0800 393777				
Managed	44.20	47.03	+0.20	1.68
Equity Gth Acc	60.21	63.98	+0.10	1.56
UK Eq General	41.92	44.54	...	2.21
-do- Acc	55.36	58.82	+0.10	2.24
European Acc	41.22	43.40	+0.20	1.25
Far East Acc	54.97	58.41	+0.70	0.29
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	30.62	32.39	+0.10	6.51
N American Acc	43.20	45.91	+0.40	0.85
Ots Lgr Cos Acc	276.00	299.50	+3.70	1.51
UK Eq High Inc	35.06	37.26	...	3.86
-do- Acc	41.64	44.25	+0.10	3.85
UK Lgr Cos Inc	290.10	314.80	+0.70	3.73
UK Lgr Cos Acc	377.70	409.90	+0.90	3.73
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	NZ$53.56	NZ$53.78	-0.067	1.20
US Eq	$2.063	$2.191	+0.005	0.80
Far East Eq	Y232.6	Y247.0	-4.40	...
Japan Eq	Y236.0	Y249.6	-6.60	...
FT Europe	112.40	119.30	-1.00	2.19
FT North Am	$1.707	$1.809	-0.005	1.09
FT Japan	Y233.7	Y247.6	-5.50	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$1.853	$1.966	-0.071	1.49
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271				
American	340.90	363.40	+3.30	0.32
British	937.90	992.30	-1.00	4.14
European	392.50	417.30	+2.60	1.40
Japan	143.00	151.90	+2.90	...
New Pacific	297.80	317.20†	+2.70	1.27
Mngd Cash	96.16	96.16	...	5.16
Majority Sitg	100.35	101.36	+0.01	4.75
Inv Tst	190.10	201.50	-0.40	1.73
Saints PPF	380.40	400.50	...	...
SUN ALLIANCE Admin, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690390				
Equity Acc	725.60	778.00	+9.40	3.14
N America Acc	116.30	124.40	+1.10	0.31
Far East Acc	123.50	132.10	+1.20	...
W wide Bond	61.63	65.42	+0.45	5.33
European	82.88	88.04	+0.19	0.66
Equity Income	80.93	86.56†	-0.15	4.16
SUN LIFE OF CANADA Basingview, Basingstoke, Hants RG21 2DZ Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	34.56	36.97	+0.34	0.63
Managed Assets	119.17	127.46	-0.21	3.44
UK Income	36.33	38.86†	+0.02	3.14
UK Growth	36.37	38.90	-0.03	2.40
Worldwide Gth	31.13	33.30†	+0.26	0.36
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD Charlton Place, Andover, Hants, SP10 1RE 0264 346794				
American	207.66	220.91	+1.98	0.11
-do- Acc	228.08	242.64	+2.18	0.11
British Gth	85.30	90.75	-0.13	1.90
-do- Acc	100.37	106.77	-0.16	1.90
European	92.68	98.60	+0.01	0.93
-do- Acc	97.76	104.00	+0.01	0.93
Extra Inc	186.66	198.57	-0.34	3.96
-do- Acc	297.76	316.77	-0.54	3.96
General Unit	263.12	279.91	-0.69	2.45
-do- Acc	519.19	552.33	-1.35	2.45
Income	319.90	340.32†	-0.50	3.58
-do- Acc	664.79	707.22†	-1.03	3.58
International	484.32	515.23	+3.83	0.46
-do- Acc	634.02	674.48	+5.01	0.46
Pacific	340.24	361.96†	+1.30	...
-do- Acc	357.41	380.22†	+1.37	...
Premier Income	51.01	53.14	...	6.69
-do- Acc	106.36	110.79	...	6.69
Nat Resources	130.12	137.79	-3.13	0.22
-do- Acc	131.83	140.24	-3.44	0.22
Selected Opps	97.05	103.24	-1.04	1.08
-do- Acc	121.50	129.25	-1.30	1.08
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD Swan House, 33 Queen St, London EC4R 1AX 071 493 7262. Dealing: 071 493 9545				
Amer Sml Cos	78.67	83.91	+0.23	...
-do- Acc	81.13	86.53	+0.22	...
European Opps	60.57	64.46	+0.36	0.46
-do- Acc	61.20	65.13	+0.36	0.46
Far East Opps	151.47	161.56	+1.66	...
-do- Acc	154.99	165.32	+1.70	...
Japan	84.57	90.09	+2.16	...
-do- Acc	84.57	90.09	+2.16	...
Little Dragons	74.40	79.36	+0.66	0.63
-do- Acc	76.60	81.70	+0.69	0.63
Oriental Income	43.40	46.29	+0.30	3.44
-do- Acc	55.34	59.02	+0.39	3.44
Tiger	215	229.33	-0.50	1.15
-do- Acc	225.88	240.93	+0.52	1.15
UK Small Cos	75.67	80.93	+0.27	1.96
-do- Acc	88.28	94.41	+0.31	1.96
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 13 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh EH2 4DJ 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	17.53	18.64	+0.05	0.50
Pacific Basin	31.67	33.69	+0.37	0.60
Canadian Gth	37.98	40.40	+0.26	...
Global Bond	$0.951	$0.990	-0.005	7.20
Penny Share	23.85	25.37	-0.16	1.50
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS 2 Honey Lane, London EC2V 8BT 071 606 3132				
City Reserve	52.88	52.88	...	5.40
Gilt Growth	66.93	69.65	+0.08	...
Gilt Income	51.61	53.71†	-0.02	7.75
Short Dtd Gilt	107.20	108.60	...	...
US Govmnt Bd	$0.714	$0.723	-0.000	...
Challenger	94.47	96.66	+0.74	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG 081 298 4000				
Stockmarker Fd	68.41	72.77	-0.03	1.98

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return): † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	14,000	Cadbury	3,200	MB Cardn	367	Scot Power	1,000
Abbey Natl	3,600	Carlton Cms	234	Marks Spr	3,300	Sears	718
Alld-Lyons	2,200	Coats Vly	2,400	NFC	1,000	Svrn Trent	2,700
Anglian W	479	Cm Union	433	NatWst Bk	6,500	Shell Trans	4,600
Argyll Gp	3,400	Courtaulds	798	Nat Power	2,400	Siebe	1,000
Arjo Wiggn	870	De La Rue	239	Nth Wst W	583	SmKl Bch	2,500
AB Foods	174	Enterpr Oil	2,300	Nthm Fds	2,900	Smith Nph	3,000
BAA	560	Forte	5,600	P & O	1,400	Std Chartd	691
BAT Inds	4,700	GRE	1,200	Pearson	1,300	Sun Allnce	1,700
BOC	766	GUS A	607	PowerGen	1,500	TI Gp	2,100
BP	5,300	Gen Acc	304	Prudential	1,800	TSB	5,100
BT	5,700	Gen Elec	3,800	RMC	641	Tate & Lyle	1,100
BTR	7,700	Glaxo	6,300	RTZ	803	Tesco	2,000
Bk of Scot	5,700	Granada	2,200	Rank Org	912	Thames W	835
Barclays	6,500	Grand Met	3,800	Reckitt Col	699	Thrn EMI	574
Bass	1,300	Guinness	2,000	Redland	3,800	Tomkins	3,000
Blue Circle	1,600	HSBC	3,900	Reed Intl	773	Unilever	2,300
Boots	2,200	Hanson	11,000	Rentokil	1,800	Utd Bisc	820
Bowater	592	ICI	4,000	Reuters	1,200	Vodafone	1,000
Brit Aero	4,800	Inchcape	2,000	Rothmans	0	Warburg (SG)	325
Brit Airwys	3,000	Kingfisher	1,400	Ryl Ins	1,500	Wellcome	5,600
Brit Gas	8,900	Ladbroke	2,200	Ryl Bk Scot	2,800	Whitbd 'A'	830
Brit Steel	7,900	Land Secs	945	Sainsbury	1,500	Wlms Hld	830
Burmah Cast	97	Legal & Gn	844	Scot Hydro	188	Wolseley	265
Cable Wire	3,000	Lloyds Bk	2,100	Scot & New	768	Zeneca	1,900

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3485.36 (-12.18)
S&P Composite 444.82 (-1.11)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge 19492.52 (-45.78)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 7062.64 (+15.91)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 110.9 (-0.1)

Sydney: AO 1698.8 (-17.9)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1699.39 (+1.31)

FT 30 share: 2276.1 (-1.1)

Brussels:
General 6383.41 (+56.95)

Paris: CAC 526.95 (-0.81)

Zurich: SKA Gen 522.50 (+2.30)

London:
FT A All-Share 1430.49 (-2.52)
FT 500 1549.74 (-3.00)
FT Gold Mines 180.6 (-3.0)
FT Fixed Interest 113.99 (+0.21)
FT Govt Secs 96.63 (+0.13)
Bargains 28487
SEAQ Volume 595.8m
USM (Datastrm) 139.54 (-0.05)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
June 14	June 25	September 16	September 27

Call options were taken out on 23/6/93: Crabtree, Flextech, Filofax, Glenchewton, Hanson Wts, Microvitec, Millwall, Premier, Seafield, Storm Group, Telemetrix.
Puts: Flextech, Millwall, Rubicon.
Puts & Calls: International Business Comm, Mid-States, Tullow Oil.

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Alld Lyon	500	52	65	73½	2½	10	16½
(*530½)	550	14	34	43	18	29	37
Argyll	300	37	45	49	2	6½	11
(*333)	330	14	26	32	9½	17	23
ASDA	67	11	12	-	1½	3½	-
(*75½)	76	4½	7½	-	4	7½	-
Boots	420	21	37	44	8	16	23
(*437)	460	4	18	25	32	39	45
Br Airways	287	22½	38	43	4	10½	15½
(*308)	316	8½	21½	26½	16½	23	29½
BP	300	18½	26½	32	5½	13	17½
(*312)	330	4½	13	18	22	29½	32½
Br Steel	100	6	9½	14	5½	8½	11
(*100½)	110	2½	6	11	12½	15	18
C & W	750	30½	51	65½	14	29½	41
(*771½)	800	7½	27	41½	47	59	68½
CU	580	36	46	-	7½	21½	-
(*605½)	630	9	21	-	32	49	-
ICI	681	21½	35	52	20½	40	47
(*681)	750	3	11½	25	74	89½	94
Kingfshr	584	33½	53	-	8½	21	-
(*613½)	632	11½	27	-	33	45	-
Land Sec	550	43	57	62	2½	8	14
(*590½)	600	10	26	30	19	28	38
M & S	330	15½	25½	32	7½	13½	18
(*339)	360	3½	12½	18	27	30½	34½
Nat West	460	28	37	49½	8½	17	24
(*477½)	500	8	18	30½	30½	43	48½
Sainsbury	460	36	52	62	4½	11	18
(*492)	500	12	26	39	19	29	35
Shell	600	39	48½	57	4	15	20½
(*632½)	650	8	19½	31½	26	40½	45½
Smkl Bch	420	25½	40	50½	11	23	31
(*434)	460	7	22	32½	34	45½	53½
Storehse	200	12	22	26	6	11	16
(*208½)	220	5	11	17	18	22	27
Trafalgar	101	7	12½	-	5	8	-
(*102½)	110	3	8	12	10½	14	17
Unilever	1000	59	85	98	6½	19	25
(*1040)	1050	22½	52½	68½	25	39	49½
Zeneca	600	37	51	63½	7½	25	31
(*626)	650	11	24	38	32	52½	59

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Feb	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Feb
Grand Met	420	20	31	44	10	19	30½
(*432½)	460	5½	17	28	36½	43	53½
Ladbroke	180	8½	16½	22	9	18½	24
(*180)	200	3	8½	14½	24	32½	37
Utd Bisc	390	21	36½	45	12½	23	32
(*396)	430	7½	23	32½	31	39½	49

June 23, 1993 Tot: 28250 Calls: 14994 Puts: 13256 FT-SE Calls: 4237 Puts: 5653
*Underlying security price.

Series		Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Jan	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Jan
BAA	700	37½	58	63½	11½	21	27½
(*721½)	750	12½	32½	37½	37	46½	52½
Thames W	460	25	36	39½	7½	17½	21
(*473)	500	6½	16	20½	31½	39½	43

Series		Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
BAT Ind	425	20	29	43	11	24	28
(*430)	460	9½	20	30	34½	38	43½
BTR	360	21	28½	34	5	13	15
(*374)	390	5½	13	19	21½	29	31½
Br Aero	390	37½	58½	71	16½	31½	40½
(*407½)	420	21½	43	57	31½	47	56½
Br Telcm	420	20½	27	30	9½	21	27
(*429½)	460	4½	11½	14½	34½	46½	51½
Cadbury	420	51	59½	69	3	9	12½
(*463½)	460	21	34	44½	14	25	29½
Guinness	460	28½	43	54	11	22	27
(*471½)	500	9½	23½	34	33½	44	49
GEC	330	14	21	26	11	16½	19
(*337½)	360	3	9	14	34	36	38½
Hanson	220	12½	18	21	5½	10½	14
(*227)	240	4	9	12	17	22	25
LASMO	140	21½	27½	32	3½	9	12
(*156½)	160	9	17	22	12	18½	21
Lucas	130	14	19½	22½	5½	12½	15½
(*136½)	140	7	14	17	10½	18½	21
Pilkngtn	120	6	14½	16	5½	10½	14
(*121)	130	4½	9	11½	12	16	20½
Prudential	300	42	47	52	1½	6	8½
(*335½)	330	15½	26½	33	8	16½	20½
Redland	430	54	65	71	3½	16	21½
(*465½)	460	25½	40	48	15	33	38½
Royal Ins	269	30½	35	46	3½	9	13½
(*293)	288	16	25	35	8½	17	22
Tesco	200	24	30	35	3	9	12
(*217½)	230	10	18	24	10	16½	21
Vodafone	420	41	56½	63½	7	17	21½
(*449½)	460	16½	33½	42	25	34½	39½
Williams	300	31½	37½	43½	3½	11	14
(*325)	330	12	19½	26	14½	26	28

FT-SE INDEX (*£2900)

	2800	2850	2900	2950	3000	3050
Calls						
Jul	112	69	35	15	5	1½
Aug	131	94	63	39	22	12
Sep	146	111	82	57	37	24
Oct	159	125	96	72	52	37
Dec	192	-	131	-	83	-
Puts						
Jul	7	14½	33	64	109	159
Aug	20	33	54	82	118	160
Sep	31	47	67	94	127	165
Oct	42	58	78	105	135	172
Dec	63	-	102	-	155	-

Series		Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Abby Nat	390	29½	41½	49	11½	17	22½
(*408)	420	14½	25½	33	27½	32½	37
Amstrad	30	6	7½	8	1½	2½	3½
(*34)	35	3	4½	6	4	5	5½
Barclays	460	27	39	50	19	26	33
(*467½)	500	10½	23	32	45	52	56
Blue Circ	240	28	33	38	6½	13½	16½
(*258½)	260	16	22½	28	16	23½	26½
Br Gas	300	16	20½	24½	11	19	21½
(*300½)	330	4½	8½	12½	32	38½	40½
Dixons	200	22	29	33	8½	13	16
(*218)	220	12	18	23	19	24	26
Forte	220	19½	27	32½	11½	18½	22
(*225)	240	10	17½	23	23	29	33
Hillsdwn	130	17	22	25	5½	10	12
(*139½)	140	11	16	20	10	15	17
Lonrho	110	11	16	-	9½	13	16
(*112½)	120	7	12	15	16	18	22
Sears	90	12	14	16	2	4	5
(*99½)	100	5½	8	10	5	8	9
Thrn Emi	900	42	56	65	34	42	52
(*909)	950	17½	34	44	67	72	83
Tomkins	220	16	23	27½	10½	12	17½
(*228½)	240	6½	14½	18½	22½	25½	29
TSB	180	22	27	30	5½	8	11½
(*197½)	200	10½	16	19	14	18	21
Wellcome	700	37	55	69	45	58½	69
(*686)	750	19	35	51	76½	91½	102

Series		Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Apr	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Apr
Glaxo	550	55	66	79	18	35	49
(*578½)	600	27	43	56	43	63	75
HSBC	650	42½	63	79½	35	49½	64½
(*655)	700	20	41½	58	64½	78	92½
Reuter	1350	100	142	175	37	58½	85
(*1402½)	1400	72	115	142	61½	83½	107

Series		Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Feb	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Feb
R-Royce	140	14½	19½	21	7½	13½	14½
(*145)	160	6	11	13	20	26	26½

Series		Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Dec	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Dec
Fisons	160	26½	34½	37	3	8½	12½
(*182)	180	12½	20½	26½	9½	17½	22

Series		Calls Aug	Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Puts Aug	Puts Nov	Puts Feb
Eastrn Elc	460	10½	20½	27½	26	33	38½
(*456½)	500	1½	9½	13½	61	63	66½

Series		Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Mar
Natl Pwr	360	20½	31	36	12½	18½	22½
(*363½)	390	8	17½	22½	31	34½	39
Scot Pwr	310	19½	24	-	9½	13	-
(*321½)	330	8	14½	18	21½	24½	28½

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Sep 93	2922.0	2937.0	2914.0	2916.0	6633
Previous open interest: 44072	Dec 93	2942.0	2942.0	2942.0	2934.0	5
Three Month Sterling	Sep 93	94.21	94.22	94.16	94.17	19140
Previous open interest: 308696	Dec 93	94.31	94.33	94.28	94.28	9401
	Mar 94	94.19	94.19	94.15	94.15	2265
Three Mth Eurodollar	Sep 93	96.46	96.49	96.44	96.49	839
Previous open interest: 12466	Dec 93	95.97	96.03	95.96	96.02	1011
Three Mth Euro DM	Sep 93	93.24	93.27	93.19	93.19	61534
Previous open interest: 556370	Dec 93	93.88	93.91	93.86	93.87	21638
Long Gilt	Jun 93	106-26	106-26	106-26	107-09	60
Previous open interest: 82627	Sep 93	105-29	106-16	105-24	106-12	41223
Japanese Govmt Bond	Sep 93	107.45	107.80	107.45	107.77	2630
	Dec 93				107.00	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Sep 93	95.11	95.19	94.97	95.09	70156
Previous open interest: 170199	Dec 93	95.21	95.26	95.15	95.22	534
German Gov Bd Bobl	Sep 93	99.15	99.19	99.06	99.14	4983
Previous open interest: 19195	Dec 93				99.33	0
Three month ECU	Sep 93	93.53	93.54	93.46	93.49	1230
Previous open interest: 22202	Dec 93	93.92	93.94	93.89	93.90	1234
Euro Swiss Franc	Sep 93	95.46	95.47	95.43	95.44	3437
Previous open interest: 36794	Dec 93	95.71	95.74	95.69	95.71	366
Italian Govmt Bond	Sep 93	102.10	102.57	102.00	102.42	13544
Previous open interest: 47976	Dec 93	101.84	102.20	101.84	102.07	102

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 79.2 (day's range 79.2-79.3).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for June 23	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7870-2.8085	2.7870-2.7904	⅛-⅜ds	½-¾ds
Brussels	51.20-51.53	51.20-51.26	2-7ds	8-15ds
Copenhagen	9.5220-9.6030	9.5220-9.5440	1⅞-2⅜ds	4⅞-6ds
Dublin	1.0245-1.0275	1.0250-1.0269	6-10ds	20-27ds
Frankfurt	2.4883-2.5074	2.4883-2.4915	⅜-½ds	1-1¼ds
Lisbon	235.58-237.16	235.58-236.05	127-138ds	346-374ds
Madrid	189.52-190.80	189.52-189.81	88-100ds	233-260ds
Milan	2242.50-2267.80	2242.50-2248.60	7-9ds	22-24ds
Montreal	1.8808-1.8879	1.8823-1.8844	0.25-0.14pr	0.43-0.29pr
New York	1.4700-1.4750	1.4715-1.4725	0.34-0.32pr	0.96-0.95pr
Oslo	10.4930-10.5810	10.4930-10.5160	¼-1ds	¼-1¾ds
Paris	8.3630-8.4200	8.3630-8.3770	1-1⅜ds	2½-2¼pr
Stockholm	11.2190-11.3790	11.3010-11.3250	2⅛-3⅜ds	5¾-6½ds
Tokyo	160.39-161.96	160.39-160.65	½-¼pr	1¼-1pr
Vienna	17.51-17.67	17.51-17.56	1-2¼ds	3⅛-5¼ds
Zurich	2.2153-2.2314	2.2153-2.2184	¼pr-par	½-¼pr

Source: Extel — *Premium - pr. Discount - ds.*

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.4650-1.4676
Australia dollar	2.1744-2.1776
Bahrain dinar	0.5485-0.5605
Brazil cruzeiro *	75024.2-75076.7
Cyprus pound	0.7295-0.7395
Finland marka	8.2945-8.4105
Greece drachma	337.25-344.25
Hong Kong dollar	11.420-11.431
India rupee	45.62-46.58
Kuwait dinar KD	0.439-0.449
Malaysia ringgit	3.8054-3.8096
Mexico peso	4.55-4.65
New Zealand dollar	2.7328-2.7398
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.457-5.583
Singapore dollar	2.4031-2.4063
S Africa rand (fin)	6.9425-6.9915
S Africa rand (com)	4.8643-4.8788
U A E dirham	5.3380-5.4620

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DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.4781-1.4792
Austria	11.95-11.96
Belgium (Com)	34.90-34.91
Canada	1.2790-1.2795
Denmark	6.50-6.51
France	5.701-5.706
Germany	1.6965-1.6975
Hong Kong	7.7555-7.7565
Ireland	1.4340-1.4355
Italy	1527.0-1530.0
Japan	109.9-110.0
Malaysia	2.587-2.588
Netherlands	1.902-1.903
Norway	7.163-7.173
Portugal	161.0-161.2
Singapore	1.6337-1.6347
Spain	129.7-129.8
Sweden	7.674-7.684
Switzerland	1.5097-1.5107

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¼ Low 6 Week fixed: 6
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth [illegible]. Sell: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth: [illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open 6¼, close 6.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	[illegible]	n/a	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	3.14-3.12	n/a	3.22-3.19	3.36-3.33	3.75-3.72
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: May 28, 1993 Agreed rates June 23, 1993 to July 25, 1993 Scheme III: 7.30%. Reference rate May 1, 1993 to May 28, 1993, Scheme IV & V: 6.039%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	8-7
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $367.40-367.80 Close: $368.40-368.80 High: $368.40-368.80
Low: $366.10-366.60 Krugerrand: $367.75-369.75 (£249.00-251.00)
Sovereigns: Old $86.00-88.00 (£56.25-58.25) New $86.00-88.00 (£56.25-58.25)
Platinum: $372.15 (£253.00) Silver: $4.30 (£2.92) Palladium: $125.90 (£85.60)

COMMODITIES

GNI REPORT: Hopes of a rise in coffee were stunned when the Brazilian government would not finance a withholding scheme. This news came when talks to finalise a Latin American producer alliance were due in Managua. This does not mean that a collective withholding scheme will not be implemented, but without backing from the world's largest grower, attempting to support the price will be modest.

LONDON FOX — COCOA

Jul	745-744	Sep	784-783
Sep	737-736	Dec	807 SLR
Dec	736-735	Mar	827-826
Mar	744-742	May	841-839
May	758-757		
Jul	771-770		Volume: 17976

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Jul	906-905	Mar	939-930
Sep	929-928	May	949-940
Nov	933-931	Jul	959-950
Jan	930-929		Volume: 1502

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

C Czarnikow		Dec	unq
Spot: unq		Mar	-
May	unq	May	-
Aug	-	Aug	-
Oct	-		Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Mar	272.0-71.0
Spot: 276.0		May	275.9-73.0
Aug	278.5-77.5	Aug	280.8-75.0
Oct	271.5-70.5	Oct	274.0-69.0
Dec	272.0-70.0		Volume: 465

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on June 23

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	87.29	114.21	140.30
(+/-)	+0.04	+4.95	-0.85
Eng/Wales:	87.29	113.78	139.56
(+/-)	+0.04	+4.56	-0.82
(%)	-5.5	+10.1	-20.6
Scotland:	n/a	118.26	145.18
(+/-)	n/a	+8.71	-0.30
(%)	n/a	-15.2	-32.3

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (£/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Jun	unq	-	Aug	103.2	103.2
Jul	108.0	108.0			Volume: 5

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Sep	107.10
Nov	108.75
Jan	111.75
Mar	113.90
May	115.95
	Volume: 53

BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	104.90
Nov	108.00
Jan	110.40
Mar	112.60
May	113.75
	Volume: 29

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	154.50
Oct	154.50
Dec	156.50
Feb	157.50
Apr	150.50
	Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	47.5
Apr	80.5	84.0
May	93.5	91.3
		Volume: 104

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/kg)
Jul 58.75-59.25

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): The US figures showed another increase in stocks, thus prices continued to drift lower.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	17.20	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Jul)	17.25	-0.10
Brent 15 day (Aug)	17.50	-0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	18.85	-0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	19.15	-0.15

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	198 (+1)	200 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	161 (-1)	162 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Jul	163 (n/c)	164 (n/c)
Non EEC 1H Aug	166 (n/c)	167 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	57 (n/c)	59 (n/c)
Naphtha	172 (-1)	173 (-1)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd

GAS OIL

Jul	162.00-62.25	Oct	169.50-69.75
Aug	164.00-64.25	Nov	172.00-72.25
Sep	166.00-66.25	Dec	174.25-74.50
			Vol: 11961

BRENT (6.00pm)

Aug	17.50-17.51	Nov	18.08-18.15
Sep	17.72-17.74	Dec	18.23-18.27
Oct	17.91-17.94		Vol: 16020

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Jul	186.50-89.50	Oct	unq
Aug	189.00 SLR	Nov	unq
Sep	186.00-89.00		Vol: 211

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jun 93	unq	unq	1493
Jul 93	1370	1358	1357
Aug 93	unq	unq	1343
Oct 93	1420	1415	1415

Vol: 73 lots. Open int'st: 3602 Index 1511 -1

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE — Rudolf Wolff
(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1270.5-1271.0	1285.5-1286.0	107582
Lead (£/tonne)	267.00-267.50	277.00-277.50	63000
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	923.00-923.50	941.00-941.50	333000
Tin ($/tonne)	5030.0-5035.0	5090.0-5095.0	13220
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1166.0-1167.0	1188.5-1189.5	1053625
Nickel ($/tonne)	5490.0-5495.0	5555.0-5556.0	42450

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Ready to steer a new course for KPMG Peat Marwick

By Jon Ashworth

JOHN MANNING

Weathering the storm: Colin Sharman, senior partner-elect, has overseen a period of KPMG Peat Marwick redundancies

THOSE cartoonists who delight in portraying accountants as stick-like, bespectacled wimps would have a tough time with Colin Sharman.

Tanned and unstick-like, easy-going but hard as nails, he can more easily be pictured at the helm of his yacht than as senior partner-elect of a UK partnership with annual fee income of £490 million, which is part of the world's largest accountancy firm.

With five months to go before he takes over from Jim Butler at KPMG Peat Marwick, Mr Sharman, 50, has already exerted considerable influence over the firm's future shape. In three years as senior regional partner for the South East, he has overseen one of the most traumatic periods in the firm's history.

The overall number of staff has fallen from 10,583 to 9,125 since 1991 through redundancy and a policy of non-replacement, mostly in the South East. Two waves of blood-letting saw 450 professional staff and 60 support staff lose their jobs in 1991 and 360 professionals and 80 back-office staff go in 1992. Understandably, Mr Sharman is a target of hatred to many of those who lost their jobs.

"Making someone redundant is one of the most difficult things you'll ever have to do as a professional manager," he says, with more than a touch of sincerity. "Someone has to make the decision; you handle it as well as you can."

As someone who preaches the need to focus on a limited number of things and do them well, Mr Sharman defends the job cuts in plain analytical terms. He explains: "The economy has been unkind to us. Life's been tough, but we have taken the opportunity to get our cost base under control."

Pruning became necessary after the usual flow of graduates who leave the firm for other jobs dried up as a result of the recession. KPMG, like its competitors, soon found itself significantly overstaffed at a time when work was decreasing. Mr Sharman did what he considered necessary, but is sensitive enough to dislike being thought of as a "hatchet-man". He said: "People are rude to you, and it bothers me. The morale in this place has been poor; it has been a really tough time for our people. Most who don't know me would say I have a hide like an elephant. I can detach myself when a business decision is involved."

Mr Sharman will spend the summer months expounding his views to the 600 KPMG partners around the UK. To use a nautical analogy of which he is fond: "We can either sit and float with the tide or we can check out where we're going to go and set a course and get there. The market place is not going to get any easier."

Deciding which type of client KPMG is prepared to work for remains topical in the wake of high-profile collapses such as Polly Peck and Maxwell. Partners need to balance the risk of taking on dubious clients against the "public service" of keeping potential rogues under scrutiny.

Mr Sharman would also like to see his staff become less blinkered, perhaps by taking a few years on secondment. "We take people from a broad background, make them narrow, then try to make them broad again. It is what I call the hour-glass phenomenon. We ought to keep them broad all the time."

The process of selection — in which a management board put Mr Sharman's name to the partners for vetting — was not to everyone's liking. There is a perception in some corners of the firm that Mr Sharman surrounds himself with "yes-men". Anyone who meets him will quickly realise that he has no need for props. Well-rounded and much travelled, he brings a flair for marketing which is perhaps unique among senior partners of UK firms. A soldier's son, he spent his early childhood in Eritrea and Egypt before settling at school in Salisbury.

On qualifying, he joined Peat Marwick Mitchell in 1966 and spent four years in London before moving to Frankfurt as a senior manager. Work took him to Switzerland, The Netherlands, Norway and Denmark, and in 1975 he became senior partner in The Netherlands. After returning to London in 1981, he was asked to develop the firm's public sector practice, then took on responsibility for marketing during the mid-1980s after rules on advertising were relaxed. Four years ago, he took over as senior partner of the consulting practice, and slipped into his present role in October, 1990.

Weekends are for sailing. A silver model of a dhow sits on the mantelpiece of his office overlooking the Thames. Photographs from Cowes Week 1992 stand in a row in the corner. His son is learning to build yachts in Southampton. His daughter has just sat her Oxford medical finals.

Mr Sharman is surely the only senior British accountant to produce his own label of wine — Bosmere, bottled at his farm in Tytherton Lucas, Wiltshire. Bosmere Vineyard will produce up to 5,000 bottles this year. The Roux brothers, Albert and Michel, are close friends, so perhaps Bosmere will soon be on the wine list at Le Poulbot in the City and The Waterside Inn.

Gossip must not be placed in a museum

ANYONE who wants to understand why it is virtually impossible to define, and thereby outlaw, insider dealing should travel to Paris. A visit to the Musee d'Orsay would suffice.

There you can see the great Degas painting of 1878, 'A la bourse'. It shows two men standing one behind the other in the great hall of a bank. They are wearing top hats and formal business clothes. At first glance they look eminently respectable. One is leaning forward, his hand on the other's shoulder, his head inclined, the rim of his hat obscuring his face. He is whispering in the other man's ear. Meanwhile, the other man is leaning slightly back, his ear turned towards the information being passed on, his face impassive as he takes in what he is being told, weighing up how it will affect his business. Everything you need to know about how a market works is in that painting.

Degas also shows the cruel dilemma faced by anyone trying to legislate against insider dealing. Any market relies on the people involved making themselves informed on the detail surrounding any business action they may take. And that relies on factual information that anyone can glean and on information which depends on personal contact and initiative. If you buy a house, you take in the agent's facts but you also check about local schools and whether there are rumours of plans to put a motorway through the back garden. The same is true of the financial markets. But at present there is great uncertainty over the formal methods of providing facts and information, and there is an even greater worry over the status of that most natural method of human communication, gossip. The easiest solution would be to ban all formal ways of providing financial information other than the annual report and accounts. Terry Smith, analyst and expert on creative accounting, argues just that in the latest issue of *Financial Director* magazine. If there was not contact between companies and analysts, he argued, "then we would have to read the damn balance sheet properly and do some research. At the moment, there is this terrible sort of investor relations industry which goes around giving nudges and winks and saying: 'Well, I think you shouldn't say that because you are way outside what the market concensus is.'" As an exasperated Smith pointed out: "The only time you have any value as an analyst is when you are outside what the market consensus is."

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And that is the point. In any transaction, from the buying of shares to the buying of a house, the aim is to get outside the market view. It is there that the most useful transactions can be done. People tend to look for a cheaper house in an area they think will rise rather than go for a fashionable and overpriced one in an area which is losing its cachet. The difficulty is how you police the process. The circular on the subject sent out this week by Hoare Govett underlines this. It points out that the Stock Exchange rules insist on "the immediate release of information which might reasonably be expected to have a material effect on market activity in, and prices of, listed securities." But then it goes on to show that the word material, as in its accounting context, is hard to define. They suggest "as a rule of thumb, a 5-10 per cent movement in a company's share price relative to the market." It would greatly help if the Stock Exchange would say what it thinks its rule means when it talks of "a material effect." But as Hoare Govett point out, "the Stock Exchange will not comment on what it thinks is a material price movement".

And in any case, material movements are not the only signs which might trigger alarm. Much of the talk of creating rules is based on the assumption that when someone has a piece of possibly illegally acquired information, they will deal as a result and the resulting quirk in the trading patterns will reveal it. But equally, the person receiving the information might decide not to deal as a result of his new knowledge. What then? The personal gain as a result of gathering the information is still there. But how do you formulate rules to prove misconduct and to convict someone when in a recordable stock market sense they haven't done anything? It leaves the providers of financial information and their advisers in a complete quandary. At present, legislation is creeping through Parliament and will eventually arrive in the form of the Criminal Justice Act 1993. But the Treasury is keeping a tight guard on the formulation of the guidelines. People in business who might be able to advise from a standpoint of greater experience are being discouraged from helping. The result will be much work for lawyers and not much certainty for anyone else. The answer could be, as some companies have argued, to drop all contact. But as Hoare Govett point out, "an ill informed market" is even more dangerous. Or the answer could be to issue more accounting information in a formal way when the market is showing concern about a company. In the end, no legislation can ever be satisfactory to crack the problem. Only if the market was run by machines rather than lively, gossiping and questioning human beings would the problem disappear.

The truth is that insider dealing, as one finance director put it to me, is hard to define because, like auditor independence, it is a state of mind. You know when you are wrong and you know when you are right. But putting the essence of that into a rulebook form is, as everyone knows, impossible.

The author is Associate Editor of Accountancy Age

Taking the pain out of insolvency

THE campaign by insolvency practitioners to clean up their money-grubbing image, highlighted on this page by Robert Bruce on June 10, continues apace.

John Hoare, who is also retiring 1992-3 chairman of the London Society of Chartered Accountants, has fired an impassioned salvo for the defence against what he sees as a media onslaught.

He laments that "the vicious attacks on fees charged by lawyers, chartered accountants and now insolvency practitioners will no doubt continue" but argues that big, highly publicised insolvency cases, such as BCCI, obscure the hard slog of small liquidations that can take years to complete.

Critics forget, he says, that fees are relative to prices realised on assets in most cases, so that practitioners have a direct incentive to obtain good prices and suffer from poor prices during recession.

"It is true that the public does not see this graft, or is only interested in doing so while standing at some airport as their tour operator goes bust: understandably, they want blood and we insolvency boys risk criticism merely by being the first on the scene." He asks: "Is it really true that we make money out of tragedy? What is more tragic, the unordered demise of a company with the potential for immense human and financial suffering or its formal winding-up which can carry with it the benefit of safeguarding jobs, assets and creditors' entitlements?"

More ominously: "We may be as unpopular as dentists, but there are thousands of companies and some very high-profile businessmen who have cause to thank us for not making their visit to the surgery even more painful".

Back to the good old days

THE recession is over, judging by the scramble for seats at the English institute's annual conference in London next month. Unlike recent years, when enthusiasm has been lacking to say the least, all 500 places at the 1993 shindig have been snapped up well in advance. About 200 dedicated conference-goers made it to the thrash in Eastbourne last year. A concern about time and money may have played a part. The one-day event on July 8 costs just £99 plus VAT, compared with more than £500 for last year's three-day session.

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Into Africa

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Hunt for red tape

MALCOLM Bacchus has been appointed chairman of the London Society of Chartered Accountants, the largest of the UK district societies, with more than 22,000 members. Bacchus, a senior consultant with BDO Binder Hamlyn, has been an LSCA member since qualifying in 1981. He specialises in property and public utilities. His mission for the coming year is to highlight examples of unnecessary red tape on London businesses. Teresa Graham, national staff partner with Baker Tilly in Bromley, Kent, becomes his deputy.

ELLISON Westhorp, a firm of London solicitors, has produced a pensions guide for insolvency practitioners in the wake of the Maxwell pensions debacle. The guide costs £40. A free leaflet is also available for company scheme members whose employers have gone out of business. The leaflet sets out what they should, or should not, be concerned about and where to get help. For details, telephone (071) 489 1572.

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Right of appeal against land registrar limited

Quigly v Chief Land Registrar

Before Lord Justice Balcombe, Lord Justice Leggatt and Lord Justice Hoffmann

[Judgment June 16]

Rule 299 of the Land Registration Rules 1925, as amended, was not intended to give a right of appeal to the Court of Appeal against every decision of the Land Registrar. The rule applied to an order or decision made by the registrar at a hearing under rule 298.

The appellant's application under section 112(2)(b) of the Land Registration Act 1925, as substituted by section 1 of the Land Registration Act 1988, for inspection of documents and for a search of the proprietorship register was not an application under rule 298 and he had no statutory right of appeal, although the registrar's decision might be open to challenge by way of judicial review.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by Richard Joseph Quigly against an order of Mr Justice Millett ([1992] 1 WLR 834) striking out the appellant's originating notice of motion under the inherent jurisdiction of the court as disclosing no cause of action.

Section 112 of the 1925 Act, as substituted, provides: "(2) Documents in the custody of the registrar relating to any land or charge but not falling within subsection (1)(b) of this section may be inspected and copies of and extracts from them may be made ... (b) at the discretion of the registrar..."

Rule 9 of the Land Registration Rules (SR & O 1925 No 1093 (L28)), as amended by the Land Registration Rules (SI 1976 No 1333) provides:

"Any person may apply ... for a search to be made in the index in respect of either his own name or the name of some other person in whose property he is able to satisfy the registrar that he is interested generally (for instance, as his trustee in bankruptcy or his personal representative)."

Rule 298 provides: "(1) If any question, doubt, dispute, difficulty or complaint arises before the registrar upon any application or during any investigation of title ... (d) in any registration or other proceeding in the registry ... the registrar shall hear and determine the matter and, subject to appal to the court, make such order in the matter as he shall think just."

Rule 299 provides: "Any person aggrieved by an order or decision of the registrar may appeal to the court."

Mr Quigly in person: Mr Mark Cunningham for the registrar.

LORD JUSTICE HOFFMANN said Mr Quigly had been the *McKenzie* friend [one to assist in court ([1971] P 33)] of Mrs Queenie Lucas, who had litigated in person to try to establish her entitlement to certain property in Holborn and had been declared vexatious. Mr Quigly had taken up her fallen standard.

Section 112 of the 1925 Act had been very restrictive until the 1988 Act made it more liberal. Now anyone could inspect the Land Register.

The registrar was empowered to make rules specifying who should be entitled to inspect documents as of right. Everyone else could inspect them at the discretion of the registrar. Mr Quigly was not entitled to inspect the documents he wanted as of right.

Mr Quigly accepted that he had no interest under rule 9 but said the registrar should have exercised discretion in his favour under section 112(b). He had appealed and the judge had dismissed his appeal on the ground that the court had no jurisdiction to hear an appeal from the registrar in the exercise of his discretion.

The right of appeal was a creature of statute. Rule 299, on which Mr Quigly relied, appeared under the subheading "Hearings before the registrar" but the decision of Mr Justice Morrin in *Belcourt v Belcourt* ([1989] 1 WLR 195) showed that the effect ranged somewhat wider. Read in context it seemed to his Lordship that the order or decision to which rule 299 referred was one made under rule 298.

Neither of the decisions complained of was made in the exercise of the judicial power conferred by rule 298. Rule 299 could not have been intended to give a right of appeal to the court against every decision of the registrar.

That did not mean that the exercise of administrative power by the registrar was altogether beyond judicial control.

It would be subject to judicial review, although his Lordship would not encourage Mr Quigly to undertake such proceedings.

LORD JUSTICE BALCOMBE, agreeing, said that an application for judicial review would be subject to the important filter that it would require the leave of the court.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor.

Oath on discovery is conclusive

Lonrho plc v Fayed and Others (No 3)

Before Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, Lord Justice McCowan and Lord Justice Kennedy

[Judgment June 14]

Where, at the interlocutory stage of an action, an affidavit or affirmation was made by a party pursuant to an order for specific discovery of documents, under Order 24, rule 7 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, the other party was not entitled to contravene what was sworn or affirmed there by a further contentious affidavit or by obtaining an order to cross-examine that party, since the latter's oath in answer was conclusive.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment when allowing the appeal of three of the defendants, Mohammed Al-Fayed, Salah Fayed and Ali Fayed, against the order of Mr Justice Swinton Thomas on May 12 ordering their cross-examination on their affidavits of documents in the action arising out of the acquisition of House of Fraser plc by a company, House of Fraser Holdings plc, the fourth defendant, indirectly owned and controlled by the Fayed brothers, which Lonrho plc alleged they were prevented from acquiring by the Fayeds' wrongful interference with Lonrho's business and conspiracy.

Mr Jonathan Sumption, QC, Mr James Munby, QC and Mr Alastair Walton for the Fayeds: Mr Gordon Pollock, QC, Mr Ian Geering, QC and Mr Victor Lyon for Lonrho.

LORD JUSTICE STUART-SMITH said that the defendants were ordered by the judge at a hearing for specific discovery in November 1992 to serve further lists, verified by affidavit, of documents relating to the source and amount of funds used to acquire House of Fraser, documents relating to the Fayeds' fortune referring to commercial and other interests and assets they claimed to own and documents, allegedly no longer in their possession, relating to the Fayeds' origins in Egypt and early business concerns.

The brothers made affirmations pursuant to the order in January 1993, but Lonrho issued a summons under Order 24, rule 16 to strike out the defendants' defence and enter judgment for damages to be assessed either immediately or after cross-examination on their affirmations, on the basis that their discovery was still deficient in respects dealt with by the judge's order in November 1992, and that their explanation as to what became of the documents no longer in their possession was untrue. The judge granted Lonrho's summons and ordered cross-examination.

His Lordship said that at the heart of the case was the question: whence came the ultimate source for the funds for the House of Fraser purchase?

The Fayeds' case was that it was from capital and accumulated profits since 1979 of their share in an oil trading partnership in the United Arab Emirates for which there were no documents evidencing the existence of the partnership, a characteristic of business conducted in the Middle East at a high level.

Lonrho alleged the oil trading partnership was a fabrication and there had to be documents relating to the real source of the funds: that it was most improbable the Fayeds no longer possessed, as they alleged, documents relating to their fortune in Egypt prior to 1961, and that it was incredible that businessmen conducting a multi-million pound business should destroy various bank statements and credit advices relating to the purchase of House of Fraser.

Mr Sumption's submissions in summary were, *inter alia*, that the law was clearly established that the oath or affirmation of deponents as to discovery of documents that they had no further documents was conclusive and could not be questioned at an interlocutory stage; the reason for the rule was to avoid prolonged interlocutory hearings, and grave injustice could result if crucial issues at the trial were to be determined on wholly incomplete and inadequate evidence.

Further, Mr Sumption submitted that if there was power to cross-examine on such affidavits, it should be confined to cases where the existence or fate of the documents raised discrete questions not involving the court in reaching preliminary conclusions on the issues in the action.

Mr Pollock's submissions in brief were that it was not and never had been the law that such a further affidavit of documents was conclusive; if that were so, the court would be powerless to enforce its orders.

Cross-examination on affidavits was ordered in interlocutory proceedings in many instances. Although there was no reported case where it was ordered in relation to such an affidavit, that did not mean the order was wrong, merely that the law and practice was developing.

His Lordship said that since the rules of discovery were first codified in the First Schedule to the Supreme Court of Judicature Act 1875, there had been a rule, equivalent to the present Order 24, rule 3(2), that the court could order that a list of documents served was verified by affidavit. There was no equivalent of the present Order 24, rule 7 until 1893 when it was first introduced as Order 31, rule 19A(3), but it was at that time limited to specific documents and did not extend to classes of documents.

The present Order 24, rule 16 had remained unchanged since 1875, when it codified what was previously the court's inherent jurisdiction: *Republic of Liberia v Roye* ([1876] 1 App Cas 139).

His Lordship, having drawn attention to the notes to Order 24, rule 7 in *The Supreme Court Practice 1993* (vol 1, p456), said that the further affidavit made pursuant to rule 7 was simply a further and better or amending affidavit, when the deponent's attention had been drawn to the fact that there was a *prima facie* case, either based on materials emanating from the party making the affidavit or the belief of the opposite party, that such documents existed. What could not be done was to assert in a further contentious affidavit that the answer made, if it was in proper form, was untrue, so as to establish a breach of the other party's obligations to discovery. The rule that prohibited cross-examine on affidavits of documents was affirmed by the Court of Appeal in *Jones v Monte Video Gas Co* ([1880] 5 QBD 556, 558-559).

There had always been a procedure by which a party could seek a further and better affidavit of documents; what had varied down the years were the criteria justifying the making of an order (for a further affidavit: see *Lyell v Kennedy (No 3)* ([1884] 27 Ch D 1, 19) which made it plain there was a procedure, even before 1893, for obtaining a further affidavit of documents but the oath of the deponent on the further affidavit was conclusive.

The rule introduced in 1893, the former Order 31, rule 19A(3), widened the basis on which a further affidavit of documents could be ordered: the party applying could state on affidavit, which might be contentious, that he believed the other party had a specific document in his possession or power.

His Lordship concluded that on whatever ground the order for a further affidavit was made, whether because of some admission by the deponent or the belief of the opposite party that other documents existed, the deponent's oath was conclusive: it could not be contravened by a further contentious affidavit and could not be the subject of cross-examination.

The authorities cited by Mr Pollock from the present century did not afford his Lordship any assistance. The reasons for the rule were not far to seek. In the great majority of cases where it was alleged that one party or the other had suppressed documents, that issue would be crucially relevant to the issues in the trial and could only be properly determined after the judge at trial had heard all the evidence. To try the issue at an interlocutory stage could involve injustice to both sides.

Although the facts of the present case were exotic and the sums of money involved were enormous, it did not essentially differ from any other fraud case in which it was not uncommonly alleged that the fraudster had destroyed or suppressed embarrassing documents.

Mr Sumption conceded that the court would only give judgment, for example, under its summary powers under Order 14 where there was clearly no defence: it would not do so on contested evidence, even if the court had strong suspicions that it might not be true.

By analogy, his Lordship did not think a claim or defence could be struck out under Order 24, rule 16 except on clear and uncontested evidence, either as a result of an admitted breach, or because the breach could be ascertained from the party's own documents, affidavits or pleadings.

The commonest use of Order 24, rule 16 was to enforce a party's obligation to serve a list of documents: the court would order the claim or defence to be struck out unless discovery was given by a certain time.

If there was default in the "unless" order the claim or defence was struck out without more. It could also be an effective sanction where admitted breaches had occurred or it was clear from the party's own documents there was non-compliance.

If, contrary to his Lordship's view, there was power to order cross-examination on an affidavit of documents, the exercise of that power should be reserved for those cases where the existence or non-existence of the document raised a discrete issue which did not impinge to any serious extent on the issues in the action.

That was not the present case. It was common ground that there were no documents relating to the oil trading partnership. The most important issue in the action was the explanation for that.

If the explanation was that there never was such a partnership, then it was obvious there was some source of funds other than the Fayeds, and the representations made by or on their behalf must have been fraudulent.

It also probably followed that there were or had been in their power documents relating to the source of the funds, but that could not affect the outcome of the case, although it might mean they could be committed for contempt under Order 24, rule 16(2).

Thus the judge erred in principle in admitting the cross-examination.

Lord Justice McCowan and Lord Justice Kennedy agreed.

Solicitors: Herbert Smith; Denton Hall Burgin & Warrens.

Sale of cattle yard did not qualify for gains tax retirement relief

Pepper (Inspector of Taxes) v Daffurn

Before Mr Justice Jonathan Parker

[Judgment June 17]

Retirement relief from capital gains tax was not available to a farmer on the sale of a cattle yard for which he had acquired planning permission. The sale was not a disposal of a part of the taxpayer's business of farming within the meaning of section 69 of the Finance Act 1985.

Mr Justice Jonathan Parker so held in the Chancery Division when allowing an appeal by the Crown from a determination of Evesham general commissioners that had granted the relief to the taxpayer, Mr Gilbert Daffurn, for the year of assessment 1988-89.

The taxpayer, who was over 60 years old, had until 1986 farmed 113 acres at Aston Somerville, Broadway, keeping beef cattle and sheep.

In 1986 he had sold part of the land and the farm house, retaining 30 acres and seven outbuildings that included a covered cattle yard in which calves were reared. He thereafter reduced his calf-rearing activities, running down his herd in anticipation of planning permission being obtained for the cattle yard.

In 1987 that planning permission was granted and the taxpayer sold the yard in September 1988 for some £250,000. The taxpayer continued farming but on a reduced scale, ceasing entirely to rear calves. He was assessed to capital gains tax in respect of the sale and was refused retirement relief by his tax inspector.

Section 69 of the Finance Act 1985 provides: "(1) Relief from capital gains tax shall be given subject to and in accordance with Schedule 20 to this Act in any case where a material disposal of business assets is made by an individual who, at the time of the disposal — (a) has attained the age of 60 ...

"(2) ... a disposal of business assets is — (a) a disposal of the whole or part of a business ..."

Mr Timothy Brennan for the Crown: Mr Alun James for the taxpayer.

MR JUSTICE JONATHAN PARKER said that the sole issue was whether the disposition by the taxpayer of the cattle yard amounted to "a disposal of ... part of a business" for the purposes of section 69(2)(a) of the Act. It was common ground that the disposition was a "material disposition".

The similar provisions in section 34 of the Finance Act 1965 and subsequently section 124 of the Capital Gains Tax Act 1979 had been considered by Mr Justice Fox in *McGregor v Adcock* ([1977] 1 WLR 864) and by Mr Justice Peter Gibson in *Atkinson v Dancer* ([1988] STC 758).

The general commissioners, having been referred to those cases, found that the taxpayer's farming activities before and after the sale of the cattle yard were fundamentally different: the sale, they held, caused that change and satisfied what has been referred to as an "interference test" laid down by Mr Justice Fox in the *McGregor* case. They thus concluded that the taxpayer was entitled to the relief.

The commissioners had erred. Effectively they had elevated an "interference test" as a substitute for the statutory words.

There were dangers in attempting to rewrite or paraphrase a statutory provision, a danger expressly recognised by Mr Justice Peter Gibson in the *Atkinson* case. Moreover it was doubtful whether Mr Justice Fox had ever intended to lay down any such test at all.

Turning to section 69(2), there was no guidance to be gleaned from the statutory context as to the meaning of the expression "a disposal of ... part of a business". It was not to be limited to a sale of something that was a going concern. The question to be answered was whether the sale of a particular business asset, the cattle yard, amounted to a sale by the taxpayer of a part of his farming business.

The commissioners had found a fundamental change in the taxpayer's business. But that change pre-dated the sale of the yard: it was not the sale that caused the taxpayer to change the nature of his business but the prospect that he had of obtaining planning permission.

The taxpayer had in mind to sell part of his land at an advantageous price and he changed his farming business so that he would no longer require the land in question.

To categorise a sale in such circumstances as a disposal of part of his business was the antithesis of the true position. By reason of the changes made by the taxpayer he no longer needed the cattle yard for the purposes of his business when he sold it.

Solicitors: Solicitor of Inland Revenue; Cox & Hodgens, Evesham.

Correction

In *R v Jefferson* (*The Times* June 22) the reference to the Offences against the Person Act 1861 should have read the Accessories and Abettors Act 1861.

Separate poster offences

Kingston upon Thames Royal Borough Council v National Solus Sites Ltd

The display of different posters from time to time without consent constituted separate advertisements under regulations 5 and 27 of the Town and Country Planning (Control of Advertisements) Regulations (SI 1992 No 666) and were therefore separate offences under the regulations.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Glidewell and Mr Justice Cresswell) so stated on June 18 when allowing an appeal by way of case stated of the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames against the decision of Kingston upon Thames Justices to convict National Solus Sites Ltd on the first information and dismiss the remaining 10 informations.

LORD JUSTICE GLIDEWELL said that separate posters had been displayed on two different hoardings on six different dates between September 10, 1991 and January 2, 1992.

The submission of the respondent company, accepted by the justices, that the facts disclosed one continuing offence was logically wrong. The authority relied upon by the respondent, *Hodgetts v Chiltern District Council* ([1983] 2 AC 120), involved a different subject matter to the present case and was not relevant.

Contact pending adoption order

In re A (a Minor) (Adoption: Contact Order)

Before Lord Justice Butler-Sloss, Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Lord Justice Farquharson

[Judgment June 15]

An order freeing a child for adoption was properly made, although the court at the same time granted the mother's application for a contact order with the child.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment in dismissing an appeal by the mother from a decision of Judge Batterbury in Medway County Court.

Miss Susannah Walker for the mother; Ms Mhairi McNab for the county council; Mr Ian Karsten, QC and Mr Alan Inglis for the guardian *ad litem*.

LORD JUSTICE BUTLER-SLOSS said that the order under appeal was made on September 28, 1992. The parties before the judge were the local authority in whose care the child was, his mother, his father and his guardian *ad litem*.

The judge held that it was in the child's best interests that he should be adopted. He dispensed with the agreement of both parents: he freed the child for adoption: he terminated contact between him and his father and he made an order for contact with his mother under section 8 of the Children Act 1989 to continue until the making of an adoption order.

The contact was for one and a half hours once a month. The mother appealed against the making of the freeing order.

The effect of an order freeing a child for adoption was to extinguish parental responsibility of those previously endowed with that responsibility and to bring to an end the relationship between the child and his natural family: see section 12(3) of the Adoption Act 1976.

The child was in a sort of adoptive limbo and parental responsibility was assumed by the adoption agency, here the local authority: section 18(5). The parents became former parents (sections 18(5) and 19) and had no right to make an application under section 8 of the 1989 Act.

Miss Walker suggested that the Court of Appeal decisions in *In re E (Minors) (Adoption: Parental Agreement)* ([1990] 2 FLR 397) and *In re C (Minors) (Adoption)* ([1992] 1 FLR 115) supported her argument that continuing contact of a substantial amount by the mother was incompatible with a freeing order.

Both cases were decided before the implementation of the 1989 Act. Mr Karsten submitted that they were not applicable after the coming into force of that Act. He was right.

At the time of Lord Justice Balcombe's judgment in *In re C* it was not possible to attach a condition of access to a freeing order, although it could be attached to an adoption order. Since the 1989 Act a judge had an opportunity both to free and also to preserve contact between the child and the natural family pending adoption.

The wider jurisdiction of the court now existed since a section 8 application, including a contact application, could be made in any family proceedings, which by section 8(4)(d) included proceedings under the Adoption Act 1976.

As a former parent, the mother retained the right to be heard on contact. She would have the right to respond to the local authority's application to vary the existing contact order and the right to apply herself to vary the order.

The contact order could not survive the adoption order but a contact order could, in theory at least, now be imposed upon adopters after the making of the adoption order as an alternative to the making of an order with conditions.

The mother could be heard on the only remaining issue: whether she could have continuing contact after an adoption order was made. Applying the test of the reasonable parent, she would recognise that the child should be adopted and that she retained the opportunity to take part in any decision on her future relationship with the child.

In those circumstances the court could not properly interfere with the decision made by the judge, in the exercise of his discretion, that the mother was unreasonably withholding her agreement under section 16(2)(b) of the 1976 Act.

There were, however, some unsatisfactory features to the case. It would appear that the degree of contact ordered by the judge had been an inhibiting factor. For most people monthly contact would seem incompatible with the likely views of prospective adopters.

When a contact order was made side by side with a freeing order it was important that directions were given to provide, if possible, for a continuity of judicial approach in subsequent hearings to ensure that the judge hearing the adoption application was not faced with an outstanding contact order in favour of a parent who had no right to be heard on the occasion when the effect of the adoption order was to extinguish the contact order.

If a freeing order was made with a section 8 contact, the judge should give the appropriate directions to ensure that, if possible, the judge who heard the adoption application was also the judge who heard any contact application affecting the former parent.

Her Ladyship would dismiss the appeal.

Lord Justice Stuart-Smith and Lord Justice Farquharson agreed.

Solicitors: Redfern & Strgant, Gillingham; Mr D. P. Clephan, Maidstone; Stantons, Strood.

International Law Report — The Hague

Length of coastline is special circumstance

Maritime Delimitation in the Area between Greenland and Jan Mayen (Denmark v Norway)

Before President Sir Robert Jennings, Vice-President Oda, Judges Ago, Schwebel, Bedjaoui, Ni, Evensen, Tarassov, Guillaume, Schahabuddeen, Aguilar Mawdsley, Weeramantry, Ranjeva, Ajibola and Judge *ad hoc* Fischer

Registrar Valencia-Ospina

[Judgment June 14]

The delimitation line that divided the continental shelf and fishery zones of Denmark and Norway between Greenland and Jan Mayen lay between the median line and the 200 mile line from the eastern coast of Greenland.

The division of the disputed area was such that the principal fishing area was divided into two equal parts and the remaining disputed area was divided roughly two to one in favour of Norway.

The International Court of Justice so held by 14 votes to one (Judge *ad hoc* Fischer dissenting) in fixing the maritime delimitation for both the continental shelf and the fishery zones of Denmark and Norway in the area between Greenland, an integral part of the Kingdom of Denmark since 1953, and Jan Mayen, an island which had been integrated into the Kingdom of Norway in 1930.

THE INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE said that the distance between Jan Mayen and the eastern coast of Greenland was 250 nautical miles.

The total population of Greenland was about 55,000 of whom about six per cent lived in East Greenland. The fisheries sector employed about one quarter of the labour force and accounted for around 80 per cent of total export earnings.

The sea area concerned comprised an important fishing ground for summer capelin, the only commercially exploited fish in the area.

Jan Mayen had no settled population, it was inhabited solely by technical and other staff, some 25 in all, of the island's meteorological station.

The court concluded that a bilateral agreement entered into between the parties on December 8, 1965 could not be interpreted to mean, as contended by Norway, that the parties had already defined the continental shelf boundary as the median line between the Greenland and Jan Mayen.

Nor could the court attribute such an effect to the provision of article 6 paragraph 1 of the Geneva Convention on the Continental Shelf 1958. Nor could such a result be deduced by the conduct of the parties concerning the continental shelf boundary and the fishery zone.

It was appropriate, both on the basis of article 6 of the 1958 Convention and on the basis of customary law concerning the continental shelf to begin with the median line as a provisional line and then to ask whether special circumstances required any adjustment or shifting of that line.

Examination of the relevant precedents showed that with regard to the delimitation of the fishery zone the median line was also the proper starting position.

Prima facie, a median line delimitation between opposite coasts resulted in general in an equitable solution, particularly if the coasts in question were nearly parallel.

However, in the light of existing case law, the court came to the conclusion that the striking difference in the length of the relevant coasts in the instant case, which had been calculated at approximately nine (for Greenland) to one (for Jan Mayen) constituted a special circumstance within the meaning of article 6(1) of the 1958 Convention.

Similarly, regarding the fishery zones, the court was of the opinion that the application of the median line led to manifestly inequitable results.

It followed that, in the light of the disparity in coastal lengths, the median line should be shifted in such a way as to effect a delimitation closer to the coast of Jan Mayen.

It should, however, be made clear that taking account of the disparity of coastal lengths did not mean a direct and mathematical application of the relationship between the length of the coastal front of eastern Greenland and that of Jan Mayen.

Nor did the circumstances require the court to uphold claim of Denmark that the boundary line should be drawn 200 miles from the baselines of the cost of eastern Greenland, a delimitation giving Denmark maximum extension of its claims.

A delimitation according to the 200-mile line calculated from the coast of eastern Greenland might from a mathematical perspective seem more equitable than that effected on the basis of the median line, regard being had to the disparity of the coastal lengths; but that did not mean that the result was equitable in itself, which was the objective of every maritime delimitation based on law.

The coast of Jan Mayen, no less than that of eastern Greenland, generated potential title to the maritime areas recognised by customary law, in principle up to the limit of 200 miles from its baselines.

To attribute to Norway merely the residual area left after giving full effect to the eastern coast of Greenland, would run wholly counter to the rights of Jan Mayen and also to the demands of equity.

It followed that the line had to be situated between those two lines.

The court turned to the question whether access to the resources of the area of overlapping claims constituted a factor relevant to the delimitation. The parties were essentially in conflict over access to fishery resources, principally capelin.

It appeared that the median line was too far to the west for Denmark to be assured of an equitable access to the capelin stock, since it would attribute to Norway the whole of the area of overlapping claim. For that reason also the median line thus required to be shifted eastward.

The court concluded that there was no reason to consider either the limited nature of the population of Jan Mayen or socio-economic factors as circumstances to be taken into account. Nor was the delimitation so near to the coast of either party as to make security a relevant consideration.

The court concluded that the median line, adopted provisionally as a first stage in the delimitation, should be adjusted to become a line such as to attribute a larger area of maritime space to Denmark than would be the median line.

The line drawn by Denmark of 200 nautical miles from the baseline of eastern Greenland would however have been excessive as an adjustment and would be inequitable in its effect.

The delimitation line had, therefore, to be drawn within the area of overlapping claims, between the lines proposed by each party.

The court went on to consider the precise position of the line which was determined by reference to map co-ordinates.

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CINEMA: **Geoff Brown** watches Sylvester Stallone successfully scale a financial Everest in the thriller *Cliffhanger*

Roped in by Rocky's mountain high

One says "Hi, Gabe!" The other says: "So how's the knee?" Office chitchat? Not a bit. We are perched high on a Rocky Mountain crag, and Sylvester Stallone has been winched in to rescue a chum and the chum's nervous girlfriend — not to mention his own film career.

After opening Planet Hollywood restaurants and making a couple of dire comedies, the creator of *Rocky* has come back to basics. There he stands, his body a road map of bulging veins, his limbs stripped down to sinews, muscles and bone, firing the first salvo of the summer blockbuster war in **Cliffhanger**.

Dialogue is not the film's best ammunition. "He's hurt bad, what shall we do with him?" another character cries, up in the clouds, after the hijack of a Treasury plane carrying a hundred million dollars goes messily wrong. "Get him to a hospital," a genius pipes up. Sensible words come hard at high altitudes.

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Odeon Leicester Square, 15
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Renny Harlin, the Finnish director of *Die Hard 2*, drives the film forward like a man possessed. For a few scenes Stallone mopes in the valleys, his nerve shattered after the opening rescue ends in tragedy. But he bounces back, fingers clenched, scaling heights to reach the hijackers, now adrift on the peaks after a crash, searching for their booty.

John Lithgow, polishing his credentials as a vicious screen baddie, is leader of the bunch, barking his lines in an amusing English accent. "You resilient bastard, so you're still alive!" he sneers.

Stallone is indeed indestructible. Other characters may fall to their death from the Dolomite peaks (standing in for the Rockies), but Sly scrapes free from every peril, from avalanches and exploding bridges to a cave full of bats. As does the heroine, Janine Turner, a helicopter pilot who does her fair share of screaming yet shows more gumption than the woman in the opening, who climbed the Rockies with a cuddly toy.

For all its paper-thin talk and characterisation, *Cliffhanger* at least succeeds where it matters most to its target audience. Stallone used three doubles (one for climbing, two for general stunts), yet only occasionally does visual fakery poke through the incessant action. The plane crash that leaves the baddies stranded comes a good second best to the one staged in *Alive*; but the blood, sweat and grunts, however stupid their premise, look real enough on these snow-capped rocks.

So Stallone seems back in business, which is just as well, considering the high stakes. Some $65 million was spent on production: the credit roll embraces helicopter mechanics, digital camera technicians, paramedics, "Mr Stallone's makeup", "Mr Stallone's hair stylist", "Security co-ordinator for Mr Stallone" and "Mr Stallone's drivers". Hard to imagine that Hollywood once engineered thrills from just Tom Mix and a horse.

John Landis, the director who tried to turn Sylvester Stallone into a fountain of comedy in the lamentable *Oscar*, mounts his own comeback vehicle in the wayward **Innocent Blood**. Camp humour is wrapped around state-of-the-art ghoulish shocks; a vampire attack happens in synch with Sinatra singing "That Old Black Magic". Horror film clips punctuate the action; fellow directors make guest appearances, billed as Pathologist (Franz Oz) or Roma Meats Man (Sam Raimi). This kind of circus — indulgent, outrageous — is just what audiences want and expect from the man behind *An American Werewolf in London* and *The Blues Brothers*.

Michael Volk's script inventively blends two Hollywood staples: the vampire shocker and the Mafia thriller. Marie, the film's sexy vampire (Anne Parillaud, from *La Femme Nikita*) fancies eating Italian, so she dines out on the necks of Pittsburgh's mafia kingpin Robert Loggia, with a side order of henchmen. Since a mafia zombie on the loose is the last thing Pittsburgh needs, Anthony LaPaglia, an undercover cop, joins forces with Parillaud to stop the city becoming America's capital of the living dead.

Syd Dutton and Bill Taylor's special effects crew spare no expertise over the vampires' antics. When the fangs rise, their eyeballs turn red, and just occasionally green. Blood flows left, right and centre; nightclub comedian Don Rickles (in a straight turn as Loggia's lawyer) meets a particularly spectacular end. The overworked gore may please Saturday night crowds, but a gentler touch might have made it easier for general audiences to enjoy the jokes.

For, despite the camp humour, *Innocent Blood* is a gloomy, almost oppressive film. "I wanted to see breath," Landis said; Mac Ahlberg obliges by photographing scenes in wintry, nocturnal colours. Anne Parillaud, making her Hollywood debut, injects some warmth and mystery as the lonely vamp from goodness knows where, although LaPaglia cuts a dull figure alongside. Roll up by all means, but come prepared for a mixed experience.

The Old Lady Who Walked In the Sea is a film to test the audience's patience and the subtitler's art. Salty French colloquialisms and colourful insults pour from the actors' lips. Michel Serrault calls Jeanne Moreau, the predatory lady of the title, "a lank old mare ready for the slaughterhouse". Moreau fights back with "grimy, glaucous old geezer" before setting her sights on a Guadeloupe beach bum and luring her new acquisition into a jewel robbery.

This tediously eccentric, talky divertissement hails from Laurent Heynemann, a director in his mid-forties with a supposed reputation for being good with performers. Moreau attacks her role as the arthritic, sex-crazed crone with tenacity and a range of amusing costumes, but it still seems a mean-spirited vehicle for an actress who lit up so many New Wave classics in the Fifties and Sixties. Is this rude, empty frolic all that French cinema of the Nineties can give her to do?

Wasted talent can also be spotted in **Born Yesterday**, which has already been running a week and may not have many more days left before it sidles on to the video shelves. For audiences unfamiliar with George Cukor's version of Garson Kanin's play, there may be some crumbs of enjoyment to be snatched. But for those with good memories or a video copy of the 1950 film, why watch Melanie Griffith's flat rendition of Billie Dawn, the dumb blonde at large in Washington, when Judy Holliday's sparkling performance dances before the inner eye?

Don Johnson, in tortoise-shell specs, proves singularly charmless in William Holden's role as the man charged with improving Billie's brain. John Goodman, filling Broderick Crawford's shoes, makes the best of things as the wheeler-dealer who arrives in Washington with Billie in tow. But to no avail: indifferently directed by Luis Mandoki, often ugly to look at, this *Born Yesterday* was born dead.

Life returns with the National Film Theatre's **New Chinese Cinema season**, an ambitious two-month survey that begins next Thursday. For those enthralled by the visual wonders of Zhang Yimou's films, this is a chance to go on a treasure hunt. Some titles will be familiar; others have never been shown abroad before. Chen Kaige's *Farewell to My Concubine*, which shared the top prize at Cannes this year, is scheduled for July 4; two earlier films by Tian Zhuangzhuang, maker of another Cannes hit, *The Blue Kite*, are also promised. Chinese cinema is currently one of the world's most exciting, and it would be a shame to miss this bonanza.

And this is for Rhinestone, and that is for Oscar, and here's one for Rambo III . . . Sylvester Stallone bravely takes his lumps for past indiscretions in *Cliffhanger*

Tribute to Gdansk's very own Bard

THERE is a new plan to reconstruct a Shakespearean theatre of the early 1600s on its original site. But this is not the Globe or the Rose. This theatre is in Gdansk, Poland. It was established by travelling English actors who modelled it on the Fortune Theatre in London. Now a foundation has been set up to reconstruct it and make Gdansk a European centre for Shakespeare performance. The idea is not so surprising: the playwright's work is probably as well-known in eastern Europe as it is in Britain.

The first step in the process will be a visit in August by the Oxford Stage Company, performing in *Pericles* and *The Comedy of Errors*. Oxford will be the first English company to perform Shakespeare in Gdansk since the mid-17th century. Reviving medieval tradition, the actors will process in horse-drawn carts through the five gateways of the city, before asking permission from the mayor to perform.

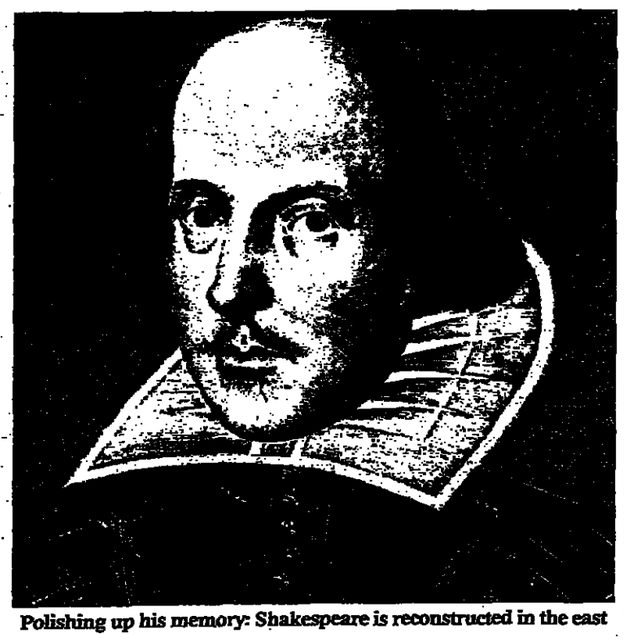
● ALMOST certainly the oldest living composer to have a world premiere this summer, the 100-year-old Leo Ornstein will be featured in next month's Almeida Opera Festival in Islington. Born in Russia in December 1892, Ornstein has lived for most of his life in the United States, where he won a reputation as a pianist specialising in difficult new music. His work will be premiered in a programme called "Diabolical Visions" presented by the pianist Yvar Mikhashoff at the Almeida on July 10.

East and West

THE British Museum triumphed at last night's National Art Book Prize awards ceremony. The winner of the £2,000 prize was *The British Museum Book of Chinese Art*, which is edited by Jessica Rawson, the keeper of the British Museum's oriental antiquities department. "This book makes the reader want to visit Shanghai and Bloomsbury simultaneously," enthused National Gallery director Neil MacGregor, one of the judges.

● A LARGE collection of big band records, scores and parts belonging to the late Joe Loss — probably the most famous British big band leader — will be presented to the City University, London, next Tuesday by Loss's widow.

Last year the university established a Joe Loss research fellowship, and the Loss collection will enhance its new Jewish Music Resource Centre. Next Tuesday's presentation is to be graced by a "trip down memory lane", courtesy of veteran crooner Frankie Vaughan.



Polishing up his memory: Shakespeare is reconstructed in the east

ARTS BRIEFING

Last chance . . .

WHEN she died in 1986, at the age of 99, the American painter Georgia O'Keeffe was much written about, her works much reproduced and just upwardly revalued by feminist critics. But she was little known by direct experience in Europe, and the major retrospective at the Hayward Gallery, Belvedere Road, SE1 (071-928 3144) repairs the omission with a glowing display of erotic-looking flower pieces and boldly stylised desert landscapes.

Also exhibited at the Hayward is James Turrell, the American artist-with-light, who shows his latest project, the transformation of a volcanic crater in Arizona into a unique observatory. The exhibition continues until Sunday.

TELEVISION

The noble Savage makes a house call

Whisk in hand, in a gloomy northern hostel kitchen, a psychiatric nurse gives a practical lesson in toad-in-the-hole. He is a man of many talents, evidently — one minute plunging hypodermics into people's lumbar regions, the next demonstrating the perfect Yorkshire. Beat the batter hard, he says patiently; get lots of air in so that it rises. Meanwhile his "client", a thin tremulous schizophrenic with bad teeth and big doggy eyes, watches politely, as if pretending to make mental notes.

Why does this client need to make his own toad? Shouldn't some hospital kitchen be making it for him? Instead of addressing such questions, last night's **Inside Story** (BBC 1) gave us "care in the community" in its everyday practical aspects, following nurse Paul Savage through his shopping expeditions, hostel visits and departmental meetings. Previously he cared for these same chronically ill people in a mental hospital, but now he does his rounds by car. For him, care in the community means finding different solutions to the same insoluble problems, mostly by means of four wheels.

It was hard to tell what the film was for. As a portrait of a dedicated professional it was certainly enlightening, but the implicitly promised issue of "better out than in?" was strangely out of focus. Clearly Savage remembered the old times with affection; clearly many of his clients craved the security of an institution. But passion was missing in the film-making, perhaps reflecting Savage's own heroic pragmatism.

For real savage indignation it was necessary to turn to **Trial and Error** on Channel 4, in which David Jessel addressed "better in than out?" with his usual unequivocal zeal, asserting the innocence of yet another victim of judicial negligence in terms that admit no maybes or perhapses.

This week's poor banged-up blighter was Mark Cleary, a teenager implicated in the murder of a Nottingham boy in 1985 and imprisoned for life on the sort of confessional evidence that, far from standing up, could barely sit vertical if propped with pillows.

Dramatisations, interviews, expert-witness testimonies and plain old-fashioned appeals to common sense were all employed to persuade us of Cleary's innocence. But with the usual wilful purblindness of such self-righteous campaigning programmes, *Trial and Error* never admitted the gaps in its own case.

Let's accept that the presumed murderer, Philip Atherton, did the deed alone. Why did he name Cleary as an accomplice? *Trial and Error* was obviously clueless, so minimised the importance of the question. Also, having painstakingly proved that Cleary couldn't possibly have arrived at the scene of the crime by nine o'clock (the time given by Atherton in his statements), *Trial and Error* then accumulated evidence to suggest that the murder happened much later, thus (but without mentioning it) making Cleary available again.

Perhaps it is churlish to point it out, but some of this defence evidence, delivered by Jessel with such dogged solemnity, was excruciatingly thin. Establishing the later murder time, the programme actually resorted to Sherlock Holmes's famous circumstantial evidence of the curious incident of the dog in the night-time — in this case, a dog barking uncharacteristically at half-past eleven, thus apparently proving, in all seriousness, that a late-night murderer was passing by.

But whether its doggy exclamation was in response to a murderer or an old tin can was somehow not open to cross-examination.

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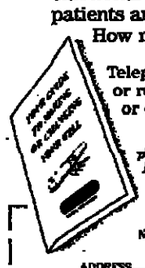

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LONDON

LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Pierre Boulez conducts the LSO in the second programme surveying some of the key works in the history of modern music: Stravinsky's Symphonies of Wind Instruments, Debussy's Jeux, Webern's Six Pieces for Orchestra, Op 6, and Schoenberg's Erwartung (with Jessye Norman). **Barbican Hall**, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, Sat, 7.30pm ◙

SPITALFIELDS FESTIVAL This enterprising and wide-ranging festival continues with a performance of William Walton's short opera *The Bear*, for which the Northern Sinfonia under Richard Hickox are joined by a cast that includes Della Jones and Alan Opie. **Christ Church**, Commercial Street, E1 (071-377 1362), 7.30pm

MIDLAND BANK PROMS WEEK Opening tonight is a new run for Bill Bryden's acclaimed production of Janáček's *The Cunning Little Vixen*, with Lillian Watson as the vixen and Bernard Haitink in the pit (8pm). The Proms come to a close with performances of *Attila* with Samuel Ramey in splendid form (tomorrow, 8pm) and *Tosca* with Catherine Malfitano (Sat, 7.30pm). **Royal Opera House**, Covent Garden, WC2 (071-240 1066/1911) ◙

TODAY'S CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Karl Knight

DIGABLE PLANETS Expect off-the-wall but catchy hip hop from the group's eccentric rappers Butterfly, Ladybug and Doodle-B. **Jazz Cafe**, Parkway (071-916 6000) 7pm ◙

OLEANNA David Suchet, Lia Williams star in an eagerly awaited new Mamet play in which a bristling academic is sewn up by an intransigent feminist student. Harold Pinter directs. **Royal Court**, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Previews from tonight 8pm, opens Wed, 8pm, then Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat (from July 3) 4pm

REGIONAL

ABERDEEN Harold King's troupe **London City Ballet** has already announced its closure, set for July 3, so the final two weeks of its summer tour will be the last for the 15-year-old company. LCB performs Ben Stevenson's pleasing production of *Romeo and Juliet*, one of the company's most popular offerings. **His Majesty's Theatre**, Rosemount Viaduct (0224 641122), tonight-Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat 2.30pm ◙

BAGNOR John Morrison's popular adaptation of **Tom Jones** with songs. James Buller as the heroic bed-hopper. **Watermill**, Bagnor, near Newbury (0635 46044). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Thurs and Sat 2.30pm (except for the gala on July 24), until July 24 ◙

CAMBRIDGE The Fitzwilliam has one of the world's largest holdings of drawings by **George Romney**. Though he is remembered primarily as a portrait painter, his drawings take us into a far different world, full of sturm und drang. **Fitzwilliam Museum**, Cambridge (0223 332900). Tues-Fri 2-5pm, Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2.15-5pm, until Sept 19

MOLD Mike Alfreds directs Susie Blake and a large cast in Feydeau's excellent *A Flea in her Ear*. **Theatr Clwyd**, County Civic Centre (0352 755114). Tues-Fri 7.30pm, Sat 8pm, mat Sat 3pm, until July 3 ◙

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
□ Seats at all prices

□ **ALI** Impressive performance by Geoffrey C. Ewing as Muhammad Ali, old and young. **Mermaid**, Puddle Dock, Blackfriars, EC4 (071-410 0000). Mon-Sat 8pm, mat Sat 3pm, 135mins ◙

■ **ARCADIA** Tom Stoppard in sparkling form brings together love, chaos theory, and much else. With Felicity Kendal and Emma Fielding. **National (Lyttelton)**, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, 7.30pm, 180mins ◙

◪ **CITY OF ANGELS** Top-quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical. **Prince of Wales**, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat 2.30pm, 180mins

◪ **CRAZY FOR YOU** Thrillingly staged new version of the Gershwin musical Girl Crazy. **Prince Edward**, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat 3pm, 150mins ◙

□ **A DAY IN THE DEATH OF JOE EGG** Peter Nichols successfully updates his ground-breaking first play. With Clive Owen and Elizabeth Garvie. **King's Head**, 115 Upper Street, N1 (071-226 1916). Tues-Sat 8pm, mats Sat and Sun 3.30pm, 135mins ◙

■ **THE DEARLY BELOVED** Philip Osment's subtle and compassionate look at the tensions raging below the surface in a small West Country town. **Hampstead**, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat 8pm, mat Sat 4pm, 150mins ◙

◪ **THE GIFT OF THE GORGON** Blazing performance by Judi Dench in combat with Michael Pennington in Peter Shaffer's RSC success tackling the themes of justice and terrible revenge. **Wyndham's**, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mat Sat 3pm, 165mins

■ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST** Maggie Smith commands the brittle world of lost handbags in this elegant revival. With Alex Jennings. **Aldwych**, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat 2.30pm, 160mins

□ **THE INVISIBLE MAN** A rather plodding adaptation becomes breathtaking when the magic tricks take over the action. **Comedy**, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat 3pm, 150mins

□ **THE LAST YANKEE** Subtle and touching Arthur Miller premiere. Margot Leicester, Peter Davison lead a quartet of troubled Americans. **Duke of York's**, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs 3pm and Sat, 5pm, 90mins ◙

□ **LEONARDO** The young master's supposed love for Lisa turned into a musical: great sets but daft story. **Strand**, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Tues 3pm and Sat, 4.30pm, 165mins

□ **LYSISTRATA** Geraldine James in Peter Hall's production where organs and actions are called by their proper (improper?) names and the men sport rampant rubber phalluses. **Old Vic**, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat 5pm, 90mins ◙

◪ **MACBETH** An idiosyncratic performance by Alan Howard in Richard Eyre's murky production. **National (Olivier)**, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Sat 7.15pm, mats today, Sat, 2pm, 140mins ◙

◪ **ROMEO AND JULIET** So-so performance in Judi Dench's production. Decent crowd scenes. **Open Air**, Regent's Park, NW1 (071-486 2431). Today 2.30pm and 8pm ◙

□ **THE SHOWMAN** Alan Bates is clever and funny as Thomas Bernhard's self-obsessed actor touring alpine villages but the play does not mount to much. Final week. **Almeida**, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404). Mon-Fri 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm, 140mins ◙

◪ **TRANSLATIONS** British mapmakers erase Gaelic place names in 1833 Donegal: clear production of Brian Friel's subtle play exploring the uses of language. **Donmar Warehouse**, Earlham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs 3pm and Sat, 4pm, 135mins

LONG RUNNERS □ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044). □ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317). ◪ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072). □ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070). □ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045). ◪ **It Runs in the Family**: Playhouse ◙ (071-839 4401). ◪ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037). ◪ **Kiss of the Spider Woman**: Shaftesbury (071-379 5399). ◪ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909). ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400). □ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443). □ **On The Piste**: Garrick (071-494 5085). ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400). ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665). □ **Travels With My Aunt**: Whitehall (071-867 1119). ◪ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

◆ **BORN YESTERDAY** Needless update of George Cukor's 1950 film from Garson Kanin's Pygmalion play, redeemed by John Goodman. **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574)

◆ **BOXING HELENA** Jennifer (daughter of David) Lynch's daft Grand Guignol with Julian Sands madly amputating his lover's limbs. **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** ◙ (071-792 3332)

◆ **FIRE IN THE SKY** Dim, thin "true-story" anecdote with D.B. Sweeney as an Arizona lumberjack snatched by extra-terrestrials. **MGM Fulham Road** ◙ (071-370 2636) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **Plaza** (071-437 1234/497 9999) **UCI Whiteleys** ◙ (071-792 3332)

◆ **MATINEE** Joe Dante's chaotic but endearing send-up of 1960s horror pictures, with John Goodman as a schlock producer. **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310)

◆ **SAVAGE NIGHTS** A frenzied love story and an HIV-positive hero, based on the film's deceased writer-director-star Cyril Collard. **Camden Plaza** (071-485 2443) **Chelsea** (071-351 3742/3743) **Gate** ◙ (071-727 4043) **Metro** (071-437 0757) **MGM Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520)

SOUTH CENTRAL Steve Anderson's sinewy, low-budget morality story about life and redemption in an L.A. ghetto. **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Trocadero** ◙ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ◙ (071-792 3332)

THE TRIAL Harold Pinter's adaptation, directed by David Jones, fails to solve the problems of making Kafka cinematic. **Barbican** ◙ (071-638 8891) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **Phoenix** (081-883 2233)

CURRENT

◆ **ARMY OF DARKNESS** (15): *Evil Dead* hero Bruce Campbell fights medieval England's undead. Exuberant horror parody from director Sam Raimi. **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** ◙ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ◙ (071-792 3332)

UN COEUR EN HIVER (12): Love, sly games and damaged friendships between two instrument makers and a young violinist. Wonderfully observant delicate drama from Claude Sautet. **MGM Swiss Centre** (071-439 4470) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Renoir** (071-837 8402)

GROUNDHOG DAY (PG): Harold Ramis's marvellously fresh, humane comedy about a weatherman (Bill Murray) who always wakes up to the same day. With Andie MacDowell. **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** ◙ (0426 915683) **West End** (0426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** ◙ (071-792 3332).

MAP OF THE HUMAN HEART (15): A love triangle jumps across years, continents and cultures. Visually bracing but muddled drama from cinematic explorer Vincent Ward. **Lumière** (071-836 0691).

MEDITERRANEO (15): Misfit soldiers forget the second world war on a Greek island outpost. Affectionate, well-acted, light as air. Director, Gabriele Salvatore. **Curzon Phoenix** (071-240 9661) **Gate** ◙ (071-727 4043).

SOFIE (15): The spent life of a Jewish woman in late 19th century Denmark. Liv Ullmann's skilful, humane directorial debut, marvellously acted. **Curzon Mayfair** (071-465 8865)

THE STORY OF QIU JU (12): Chinese stylist Zhang Yimou changes tack with a wonderful, simple film about a peasant woman (Gong Li) seeking justice. **Barbican** ◙ (071-638 8891) **Curzon West End** (071-439 4805).

UNTAMED HEART (15): Greatly endearing, off-beat romance. Tony Bill directs, with Rosie Perez. **MGM Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **MGM Oxford Street** (071-636 0310) **MGM Trocadero** ◙ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ◙ (071-792 3332)

DANCE: **Nadine Meisner** enjoys a tango evening in Buenos Aires, EC1

History lesson with a swagger

Tango Para Dos
Sadler's Wells

THE show presented by Tango Para Dos is not a conventional revue such as we have already seen here from Tango Argentino. It is a sophisticated dance-theatre piece, described as a homage to Carlos Gardel. Who? Carlos Gardel was Argentina's greatest tango singer — although, in keeping with the many ethnic influences that produced tango, he was French by birth. Even before his death in an aeroplane accident in 1935, he became a national icon, famous through performances on stage, records and the Hollywood screen.

You need not, however, be a devoted Gardel fan to enjoy Tango Para Dos, whose three dancing couples and musicians create vivid and visual sound images of tango's evolution.

A ship's siren calling through swirling fog opens the show: the way that ships' sirens called in the port of Buenos Aires when immigrants like Gardel disembarked to make up the city's population. Young men dance together as did the *compadritos* — young toughs — on street corners or in bars. A pimp and two prostitutes form a sleazy trio, as grotesquely comical as a Laurel and Hardy film.

A major part of the show's distinction comes through its fragmented structure, assembling different strands. It not only conjures up the low-life milieu of tango's origins, but also evokes the perfume of the early films that gave tango more respectability. Scenes from these are recreated: there is Gardel singing in the role of a gaucho, while Carmen Miranda dances; Gardel tossing a coin to a newspaper boy (played by Astor Piazzolla, ten years old at the time); Gardel dancing. Miguel Angel Zotto incarnates Gardel, in his trademark hat, with a wide smile, hair brilliantined into a black helmet. His portrayal is both uncannily convincing and stylised, with a deliberate two-dimensional quality, like many stars of the time.

And then there is the exquisitely constructed, intricate choreography: in some dances, dangerously sensual and sinuous, legs slashing like jack-knives or slowly stroking like a caress; in others, fresh and light with a sense of gaiety. At times balletic extensions and jumps appear: tango continues to absorb outside influences without sacrificing its essence.

Zotto and Milena Plebs, leading dancers, choreographers and devisers of the show, reveal themselves to be virtuosi, marrying dexterity with clarity of shape, razor precision with a sense of period atmosphere. Less prominent but also impressive are Osvaldo Zotto and Mora whose performances include a glamorous 1940s American-style tango, inspired by the ballroom partnership of Velez and Yolanda; and Gabriel Angio and Natalia Games, who appear as a sinister duo with undertones of fate and death.

The music, led by the bandoneon player Daniel Binelli, matches the standard of the dancing, most notably with the violinist, Fernando Suárez Paz, excellent in the ensembles as well as his beautifully phrased solo. Marcello Chiodi's saxophone number recalls Piazzolla's recording partnership with Gerry Mulligan when tango assimilated jazz influences in the mid-century. Roxana Fontán, the show's singer, skilfully covers a wide range, from witty innuendo in the episode with the pimps to straight ballads delivered in a smoky, world-weary voice.

DEE CONWAY

Tango Para Dos: Exquisitely constructed and intricate choreography

OPERA

Muffled and muffed

Fidelio
Festival Hall

GLYNDEBOURNE's concert performances of Beethoven's opera with the London Philharmonic have been born under a dark star. Klaus Tennstedt sadly had to withdraw soon after the start of rehearsals, to be replaced by Roger Norrington, and the management has run through four Leonores. Carol Yahr eventually sang — she is an honest soprano, a good Sieglinde for Scottish Opera and greatly experienced in the title role of *Fidelio*, not least for Glyndebourne Touring Opera. The projected EMI recording has now been abandoned. By all the rules of showbiz this should mean that the first of three performances at the Festival Hall on Tuesday was a howling success. Alas, not so.

Even in a concert performance of *Fidelio* the earth must move. Here scarcely a tremor registered even on my hypersensitive Richter scale. The physical circumstances were no help. The singers were placed behind the orchestra, distancing the sound and diminishing contact with the audience: when they sang looking at their scores, which they did rather too consistently, the top lighting illumined their hair but not their faces, further diminishing contact. Outdated supertitles were dimly projected on to the panelling above the organ. Letters fell into a dark gap with unfortunate results: Florestan was imprisoned in a "durgeon" and his rescuer had her name shortened to "Fidelo" — one letter less and we would have been in an interesting Kupfer production set in Cuba.

But the real cause of the stationary earth was Norrington. The reading was merely bland and businesslike, and the conductor's at times alarmingly matter-of-fact stickwork couldn't help but reinforce the impression that the performance was matter-of-fact as well. The dread words "tempo ordinario" characterised the whole, and no amount of good playing, especially from the woodwind, could raise the temperature. A rousing sound from the Glyndebourne Chorus and London Philharmonic Choir in the closing moments came too late to save the evening.

Yahr fielded a big sound, but did not use words. "Abscheulicher!" was lumpy, uninteresting, and she did not sound happy at the top: "Tot erst sein Weib" ended in an ungainly squawk. Honesty was not quite enough.

Barbara Bonney and John Mark Ainsley, fine singers both as Marzelline and Jaquino, suffered most from being so far away. Gilles Cachemaille sounded out of sorts as the Minister.

Not altogether coincidentally, three German singers came nearest to generating some electricity. Artur Korn (Rocco) and Alfred Muff (Pizarro) brought their conspiracy duet to some semblance of dramatic life, and best of all was Peter Seiffert (Florestan), memorable in the title role of one of the Royal Opera's many doomed productions of *Parsifal*. His glowing, silvery tone, elegant phrasing and clean projection gave constant pleasure.

RODNEY MILNES

CONCERTS

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JOANNA MacGregor's mini-festival of 20th-century music has this year planted its feet in the anything-goes territory of the Institute of Contemporary Arts, in The Mall. Arriving customers can pause awhile and stare at video screens of exciting launderette scenes. This would be an appropriate preparation for much of the material on offer on the first two evenings which, like most of the festival (until Saturday), each included two mini-concerts.

Singer **Nicola Walker-Smith** promised much with her characterful, labially athletic performances of four of George Aphergis's *Recitations*, little children all of Dada and the Ligeti of *Aventures* or the Berio of *Stripsody*. Walker-Smith is a cool, friendly and accomplished performer, though her voice is not particularly distinguished. After the Aphergis came two works by her husband, Geoff Smith, whose *A good Swiss watch an' a woman from nowhere* and *Fifteen Wild Decembers* showed the somewhat dulling dual influences of English minimalism and cabaret. Daniel Lentz's *The Breeze of my Green Venus* used amplified voice in clever tandem with overlaid recordings or live samplings of itself. **Django Bates and the Human Chain's** jazz improvisations completed the first night.

The following evening began with a long improvisation at the keyboard by **Keith Tippett**. He is brave in coming to an audience with nothing but himself and a piano and time to fill. His technique is prodigious, and here was careful to make his work formally coherent, though I would have preferred him to have ended this particular example at the point where it came to a quiet E major resolution rather than reiterating the glittering cascades of its opening. The use of various objects to adjust the piano's timbre, à la Cage, now seems a gesture belonging to the avant-garde of the Sixties.

Following him came Eos, who chose Steve Martland's pugnacious, loud, obsessive and empty *Re-Mix* (1986) and *Principia* (1989): a less aurally assaulting piece by the Australian Mark Isaacs called *So it does* (1985); and "Ain't Necessarily So": fluent but unremarkable variations on that song by Eos's trombone player, **Warren Belshaw**. **Charles Hazlewood** conducted, and **The Common Sense**, resident for the week, provided wacky videos and some clumsy live video mixing.

STEPHEN PETTITT

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THEATRE: contemporary interpretations of classical tales; and the latest from Lift

Thoroughly modern myths

Derek Walcott is the latest playwright to use the past to shed light on the present, writes Benedict Nightingale

DONALD COOPER

Ron Cook's heroically unheroic Odysseus: only by confronting temptations and terrors as much 20th-century as archaic can he find peace

If you want to throw light on the present, seek a brand, torch or candle in the past. Directors of Shakespeare have operated on that principle for some time, at their more extreme moments transforming *The Tempest* into a parable about colonialism, or *Measure for Measure* into a sermon on the permissive society. But of late the search seems more and more often to have taken our producers and dramatists as far back as it is possible to go without falling into the protozoan slime: Sophocles, Euripides, Aristophanes, and now the father of literature himself. Who created the one-eyed dictator to be seen gobbling up intellectuals in the Pit? Why, Homer of course, with a little help from the poet and playwright Derek Walcott.

Walcott's bravura reworking of The Odyssey comes too late to join the production of Sophocles's Oedipus plays that Adrian Noble recently staged, also for the Royal Shakespeare Company. But Peter Hall's Edwardian-era revival of Aristophanes's *Lysistrata* is still at the Old Vic, complete with blubbery phalli, bouncing breasts, and proto-feminist sentiments about love and war. And to the east, at Greenwich, is Stephen Landrigan's *Pan Beaters*, which somehow contrives to insert Euripides's Hippolytus and Phaedra into a play about a contest between steel bands. It is pretty unsophisticated beside Walcott's *Odyssey*, let alone his poem *Omeros*, which cast Achilles and Hector as warring fisherfolk; but it, too, transposes a classic tale to a Caribbean setting in hopes of giving myth contemporary pith and point and, conversely, of giving mythic size and depth to contemporary concerns.

Here's one explanation for the theatre's growing absorption with ancient Greece. You want to say something new about the class war and vagrancy in London? Well, you find parallels with something old, as Tony Harrison did when he reconstructed a fragmentary satyr-play about the eternally arrogant Apollo, filled it with priapic cloggies and beggars living in cardboard boxes, and called the result *The Trackers of Oxyrhynchus*. You are looking for a fresh yet resonant way of dramatising tribal cruelty in Ulster? You turn to Sophocles's *Philoctetes* and remodel it, as Seamus Heaney did in his *Cure at Troy*.

Others have done the same thing in a smaller way, not making myth the whole meal, but spicing up their plays with a dash of Greek hero or Olympian god. Suddenly a gilded Perseus appears, followed by Athena, in the comfy island living-room where Peter Shaffer's *Gift of the Gorgon* is set. He is an imaginary clone of the protagonist, a wild Welsh-Russian dramatist, and she is his rationalist wife. Suddenly Philoctetes and Odysseus enter Timberlake Wertenbaker's art-trade play, *Three Birds Alighting on a Field*, and turn out to be a painter and the dealer who rejected him and wants now to exploit his talent.

For me, this is a bit like putting gold taps on the kitchen sink, an awkward attempt to increase the stature of a naturalistic play by artificial means; but it is yet more evidence of our theatre's faith in the power and pull of those archetypal tales. That faith is fundamentally justified, as performance after performance has demonstrated. Andrei Serban brings his *Ancient Trilogy* to Edinburgh, Mnouchkine her version of the Orestes story, *Les Atrides*, to Bradford. Diana Rigg's Medea follows Janet Suzman's Phaedra follows Fiona Shaw's Electra onto the London stage, each of them proof that, if you wish to see contemporary women with their fangs well and truly bared, the right place to look is ancient Greece.

Nor has Derek Walcott turned to Homer just out of archaeological interest or literary enthusiasm. He keeps pretty closely to the overall shape of the original poem — suitors, flashbacks, plus the main stopping-off points of that epic spin round the Aegean — but he clearly wishes us to see it as an exemplary tale of struggle and endurance. Only by confronting temptations and terrors that are as much 20th-century as archaic can Ron Cook's scrawny, tough, heroically unheroic Odysseus find the peace that his determination deserves.

When I saw the production at Stratford last year, I boggled at its mixture of the romantic and anachronistic, stilted and colloquial, solemn and facetious, imaginative and preposterous, West Indian and English. I still do, but find myself more impressed by some of Walcott's metaphoric invention and lyric energy. On a second visit, it is easier not to be distracted by what are still some fine visual effects.

The cute mermaids waving from inside rubber tyres ("Mum was a dolphin. Dad hailed from Nicosia") are still grating. Scylla, in Stratford a screaming blend of animal skulls and lobster claws, has become a misty nothing-in-particular with her transfer to London. But Geoffrey Freshwater's Cyclops is still a marvellous mix of Pere Ubu and the exploding diner in the Pythons' *Meaning of Life*: a bloated, bemedalled tyrant whose one eye is a monocle dangling from the twisted periscope that protrudes from his German-army helmet, and whose teeth drop bits of human flesh as he chortles and goofily slavers. Sandra James-Young's Circe is a gorgeous apparition, lolling and undulating among the stoned ex-men she has made her pet swine and sexual slaves. And what Londoner will resist a Hades transformed into a murky Tube station full of trains noisily rattling the wrong way?

This Cook's tour is packed with vivid moments, no doubt of it. There is also excitement enough in the final battle with suitors who frolic about the bare stage as arrogantly as the weasels in Toad Hall. Only at the very end does the magic evaporate. Why must Amanda Harris's earnest Penelope denounce her husband's slaughter of these murderous intruders as a hideous piece of male aggression, reminiscent of the Trojan War and an "obscene" example to Telemachus? And why does Odysseus conclude that "monsters, we create them ourselves"? It is as if the Cyclops, Circe and the rest of his enemies had no objective reality, but were projections of his subconscious desires and neurotic fears only.

This is jarring, confusing stuff and, given what we've seen, absurdly reductive. But Walcott can be forgiven a spurious, politically correct coda, since most of the evening is anything but. Who would have thought so much moral and imaginative juice could still be found in a poem that most people reckon to be all of 2,800 years old?

MARILYN KINGWILL

Browsing among the bulldozers

Susanna Beaumont on the contentious plans to build a new library where the ancient Museum of Alexandria once stood

Ptolemy Soter was a man of awesome ambition and means, who in 295 BC established the Museum of Alexandria. Built in emulation of the Athenian Museum only to surpass it, the one in Alexandria was a magnificent structure that included a library of more than 490,000 scrolls that attracted the greatest minds of the day.

It was here that Euclid set out the principles of geometry in his *Elements*, here where early editions of Homer's poetry could be browsed. But Julius Caesar put an end to such edifying activity in 48 BC when he made a tactical move off the shores of Alexandria and set fire to his fleet, a blaze which all but destroyed the library. Further ravages from successive civil wars brought about its final obliteration.

But now, phoenix-like, a new library is to appear in the Egyptian city. Five years on from the laying of a symbolic foundation stone on June 26, 1988, by Egypt's President Mubarak, work has begun on the site of a new Alexandria Library, billed as a "revival of the ancient Alexandria Library".

Yet controversy is fast blighting the project, with protests from the Alexandria Preservation Trust and a flurry of conflicting reports from the authorities. Since the mid-1970s there has been talk of building a new library in Alexandria, and it was in 1986 that the Egyptian government approached Unesco, to seek support for its proposal to build the library. In 1987 the director general of Unesco pledged support, issuing an international appeal for both funds and publications to fill the library.

In 1988 a competition to design the Alexandria Library was launched, financed jointly by Unesco, UNDP (United Nations Development Program) and the Egyptian government. The winners of the competition, the Oslo-based firm of architects Snoherta, were announced in 1989. And in 1990 a gathering in Aswan of international royals and politicians, with President Mubarak in attendance, began the fund-raising activities and saw the issuing of the Aswan Declaration.

But last month the arrival of earth-moving vehicles on the proposed site of the library, lying along Alexandria Corniche, caused a stir. For the area is acknowledged to be the site of the Royal Palace of the Ptolemies and possibly — if Dinocrates' city plan of Alexandria of 332 BC is accurate — also the exact location of the original Museum of Alexandria. Clearly the presence of bulldozers and dumpers indicated heavy-handed treatment of an archaeologically-rich site.

Archaeologists have long been keen to get their hands on the site, but although it has been dormant for the past ten years, permission to dig has not been forthcoming from the Egyptian Antiquities Authority. The authority is now anxious to stress that the earth-moving vehicles are not destroying any archaeological remains, that archaeologists are always present on the site, and that finds of Roman and Islamic pottery have been made. But contradictions abound: the General Organisation of the Alexandria Library has stated that current work only amounts to site preparation, involving the removal of rubble and concrete, and that a full archaeological survey will shortly take place.

These are words that the Alexandria Preservation Trust finds hard to swallow, especially when witnessing late-night digging on the site and viewing a mound of dumped earth littered with shards of pottery rather than slabs of concrete. The APT is vociferous in its argument that a full archaeological survey should have taken place before site clearance.

Controversy does not bode well for the fund-raising activities, and funds are needed. Although $60 million has been pledged, mainly by the Gulf states, and the Egyptian government is providing a running budget of 3 million Egyptian pounds, a further $100 million is still required.

Meanwhile, "site excavations" of the site continue, giving an ironic twist to the revival of the ancient Library of Alexandria. For it seems that the new Library of Alexandria will effectively cover up any remains of the predecessor it aims to emulate.

Hilary Finch profiles the young Welsh baritone Bryn Terfel

Into the limelight

Bryn Terfel: determined not to lose his head

Last October 24-year-old Bryn-the-voice from Pant Glas in North Wales made his debut as Mozart's Figaro in Hamburg. It followed a summer in which his Jochanaan in *Salome* at the Salzburg Festival had finally put Bryn Terfel on the international operatic map, and an autumn in which he had been voted *Gramophone*'s Young Artist of the Year. He will be Covent Garden's *Figaro* in 1994; and next week offers a preview in London concert performances with John Eliot Gardiner and the English Baroque Soloists, timed to coincide with his recording of the work for Deutsche Grammophon Archiv.

Terfel had been rehearsing *Figaro* when the news broke of the death of Sir Geraint Evans. Figaro had been a debut role for the veteran Welsh-based baritone, too; and when Terfel started his studies at the Guildhall in 1984, Sir Geraint was giving his last performance of *L'elisir d'amore* at Covent Garden. Terfel scarcely noticed. "Opera was nothing to me when I was at college. I'd heard of Sir Geraint, of course, but I'd never seen him."

Terfel's musical upbringing was low-key. Had he been a lad of the Valleys, he would doubtless have been exercising his lungs in "Sospan fach" and "Cwm Rhondda" from an early age. But, brought up in a village midway between Caernarfon and Porthmadog, "it was mostly soccer. I tried the piano, the trumpet for two months, the clarinet for less. But I'd rather be outside kicking a ball."

His careers adviser suggested that Terfel might like to be a fireman. Or else try to get on with his singing: he'd won an Eisteddfod or two, after all. When he arrived in London aged 18, for his audition at the Guildhall, Terfel had sung only Welsh songs and Lieder in Welsh, had no foreign languages other than English, and didn't fancy the Underground at all. By 1988 he had won the Kathleen Ferrier Memorial Scholarship. That finally nudged him into a commitment to singing as a career and, a year later, he had won the Lieder prize at the Cardiff Young Singer of the World Competition.

Critics and judges alike are now eating their words of preference for that year's outright first prizewinner Dmitri Hvorostovsky. "No. They were right. I wasn't fully developed then. I thought Hvorostovsky was the best thing I'd ever heard."

Thanks to Hvorostovsky's success, Terfel was given three valuable years to develop away from the limelight before the summer of his Salzburg *Salome*. He seems to have evolved an instinctive self-pacing system, rare in one so young. He recently turned down a Wotan. But he has a way of positioning himself at strategic vantage points — and watching. He toured with Sir Georg Solti in the minor role of Antonio, and watched Figaro. With an eye to his Barak in *Die Frau ohne Schatten* for DG and at the Paris Châtelet in 1994, he slipped into Salzburg's *Frau* last summer as the Spirit Messenger.

This summer sees Terfel as Ford in Welsh National's *Falstaff* at the Edinburgh Festival; a memorial concert to Sir Geraint in Cardiff on September 12; then back to *Figaro* at the Vienna State Opera in October. But first, he makes a return visit to Salzburg in August for *Salome*. Solti said to him last summer: "Now I must put you in a box to keep you safe." Terfel is determined to keep his cool. "Jochanaan may lose his head, but I won't!"

● *Bryn Terfel sings the title role in* Le Nozze di Figaro *at the Queen Elizabeth Hall (071-928 8800) next Tuesday and Thursday at 7.15pm*

When emotions become too great for words, the characters turn to song and dance

Thanks to Indian movies

Moti Roti, Puttli Chunni
Theatre Royal, Stratford East

Having said that this year's London International Festival of Theatre is concentrating upon spectacle I must now eat my words. Or some of them, anyway, because this choice show, performed in Hindi and English, does go in for lusciously spectacular effects, which it both celebrates and parodies. But it also pushes its characters along a lurid and ludicrous storyline.

The sing-song title translates as "Thick Bread, Thin Veils" and the content is the staple fare of Indian movies. Themes include family conflict, greed, poverty bravely borne, young people determined to right injustice and a dreadful murder committed many years ago. But these are merely events, put in to keep the plot bubbling. The point of the exercise is the treatment of these events, especially when emotions become too great for words and the characters break into song, or dance, or both together. They go striding across the stage against an exotic backdrop and as they dance they mime the words of taped songs, songs of grief, joy, danger and love.

The smooth young hero-villain constructs eyesores in Spitalfields and evicts poor widows fast losing their sight as they crouch over sewing machines in dim rooms. Nitish Bharadwaj plays him in dashing heroic villainous style, artfully pointing his lines so that declarations of intent, whether nasty or noble, fleetingly move into mockery mode. Love, of course, redeems him: love for a beautiful do-gooding young architect (Mamta Kaash).

The villainess of the story, forever bad-mouthing her husband and lighting a cigarette when viewing his corpse, is played by the stately Jamila Massey; and Ajay Chhabra provides entertaining foolery as an accident-prone goof.

Part-acted live, part-shot on film, the dissolves from one to the other are wittily done. Keith Khan's direction of Diane Esguerra's script adds agitated music to signal what emotion we should be feeling. The precise conventions being mocked may not always be instantly recognised but at least we can guess what they must be: the obligatory bout of fisticuffs, the dream sequences, the inevitable wedding. Among the heartless jokes the sharpest is when an affluent youth drops baksheesh into the hands of a homeless beggar — only now the youth is an Indian and the beggar is white.

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Ordeal of the underbelly of the Axis

Michael Howard praises a new account of a campaign that is among the least commemorated of the second world war: the Allies' long march through Italy

Great dictators: Hitler and Mussolini in 1942. After his overthrow in July 1943 and his rescue by the Germans, the Duce presided over a Nazi puppet state in the north

For the armies fighting in Italy during the Second World War, whether German or Allied, the Italian people themselves were simply objects: an embarrassment that got in the way of straightforward campaigning. The Germans, concerned with the security of their lines of communication, treated them with the ruthlessness that had characterised their treatment of civilians ever since the invasion of Belgium in 1914: ruthlessness compounded by the specific brutality encouraged by the Nazi regime. The Allies, especially the Americans, were more friendly, but they still considered the Italians to be a conquered people to whom they owed nothing beyond the minimal obligations of humanity. In the numerous histories of the Italian campaign that have appeared over the past 40 years, the Italian population barely figures at all. Only now has Richard Lamb filled this gap, and all historians will be deeply in his debt.

WAR IN ITALY
1943-1945
A Brutal Story
By Richard Lamb
John Murray, £19.99

Although Lamb himself served throughout the Italian campaign, it is only recently that he has taken to writing military history. In that time he has established a unique reputation as a scholarly and independent historian with little respect for conventional wisdom. He has now written an important and a very remarkable book, from which no one emerges very well.

Those who emerge worst are the Germans, whose systematic atrocities, not only against Italian civilians but against the thousands of Italian soldiers who fell into their hands, rapidly alienated even the most sympathetic of their former allies. For most of these war crimes, and in particular the shooting of hostages, Kesselring must bear ultimate responsibility, and he did not deny it: how else, he asked, could one deal with *francs-tireurs*? But on top of these understandable, if unforgivable measures, there was the rounding up and deportation of Italian Jews: and although Pope Pius XII did something to mitigate this — whether enough is a matter of continuing debate — Mussolini did considerably more.

Indeed Mussolini comes out of Lamb's account with a certain amount of credit: a sad, defeated figure, he nonetheless fought to preserve such independence for Italy as was possible against the encroaching German dominance, intervened continually if ineffectively to protect his soldiers and his people, and was always able, when he emerged from his seclusion, to fill the crowds that gathered to hear him with some of the old fire. But it was he who was responsible for the Italian catastrophe, and his ignominious end at his own people's hands was no more than he deserved.

Oddly enough the Italians were better off physically under German occupation than under the Allies, simply because the north was rich anyway and there was more food there. The Allies could do little to alleviate the grinding Neapolitan poverty, and in spite of the efforts of Allied Military Government the burden of their armies probably intensified it. Lamb adds nothing to Norman Lewis's gruesome picture in his book *Naples 1944* of the condition of the Italian people under Allied occupation. He is often critical of Allied authorities, but not for this. He reserves his fire for their mistakes in the field of grand strategy; in particular, their initial failure to exploit the Italian surrender, both in the Italian peninsula itself and in the Balkans, when it seemed, for a few weeks, as if the back door to Europe had suddenly swung open and the Allies had only to walk in.

Like Churchill himself, Lamb sees this as a huge opportunity missed. The bulk of the Italian forces in the Balkans and the Aegean, he maintains, were ready, not only to surrender, but to change sides if only the Allies had landed in sufficient force. He may be right. On the other hand, the Germans, thanks largely to the success of British deception operations, were expecting just such a landing, and had ample forces on hand to deal with it. The result might equally well have been a repeat of the Greek catastrophe of April 1941. As it was, the obligation on the Germans to take over the garrisoning of the entire region imposed a further strain on their forces, which was the avowed objective of the entire Mediterranean campaign in preparation for the "Overlord" landings the following year and on which, understandably, the Americans continued to insist.

On Italian partisan warfare Lamb is on firmer ground. He gives full credit to the part played by the partisans in assisting the Allied advance through central Italy, and describes with great fairness the political in-fighting that hampered them in the north during the last few months of the war. And he gives due attention to the most bizarre episode of all: the importation by the Germans of some 20,000 Cossack and Caucasian troops, with their entire families, to protect their lines of communication in the northeast, which they did with exemplary ferocity. Their forcible repatriation to the Soviet Union is more understandable in the light of what had gone before. It was all, as Lamb says, a brutal story: nowhere more brutal than in its ending.

Professor Sir Michael Howard was twice wounded and awarded the MC during the Italian campaign.

A generation indebted to the Wasps

SALLY SOAMES

Alistair Horne: evacuation from England proved a blessing

Many people have love affairs with other countries, but, if you pick America as your mistress, do so while you are a virgin. Alistair Horne had the luck to go there young, and this book is his extended *lettre de chateau*.

His childhood was unhappy. He barely knew his mother, who came of rackety, aristocratic stock and was killed in a car crash when he was five. His father, every inch a gentleman, was so dismayed that he spent as little time with his child as he could. Occasionally his father's mistresses (Schiaparelli was one of them) dropped a sweet into his mouth, but the only woman Alistair took to was an American, Julia Breese (emphatically not a mistress) who agonised with him over his dogs and knew what presents please a child. Soon he was packed off to a series of boarding schools, one of them Ludgrove, where he was bullied, beaten, and rebelled.

Suddenly all was to change. In 1940 after the fall of France, offers to take British children poured in. Some 17,000 left, of whom 5,000 were taken by Americans. Horne's father accepted Julia's offer to take his son, and soon he, with other Bundles from Britain, landed in New York. He was whisked off to New England to be greeted by a "vast, exuberant, mocking lady", Julia's sister, Rossy Cutler, who announced that she was going to call him Ally and he would be her sixth child. "For the three years of my stay in America, ungrateful, ungracious and pompous little English boy that I was, never for one moment was I allowed to feel that I was anything but the most wanted, youngest addition to the Cutler children."

The Cutlers were Bostonian Brahmins. They mocked English food, English snootiness, English uptight manners and gloated over every landmark commemorating British disgrace in the War of Independence. But they admired British courage in the blitz and British victories in the Mediterranean, and they praised Churchill to the skies. Ally was soon to learn, however, that not all Americans were like Julia and Rossy. Their family might be even grander than the Cutlers, and had come over in the *Mayflower*, but their brother, Hamilton Fish, was the leading Isolationist in Congress. Fearful were the battles on the tennis court between young Fishes and Cutlers, Ally egged on by Rossy shouting "Up the Limeys!"

Millbrook, the prep school he was sent to, was a revelation. No bullying, no beating, discipline maintained by the vigilance of a headmaster of whom they all stood in awe. The boys were not taught to lead but to pitch in and serve the community, but this decency had another side. Any untidy misfit, still more any persistent offender, was expelled. Ostensibly the Boss maintained neutrality between FDR and Wendell Wilkie but any British airman or naval officer whose ship was refitting near-by, was invited over to speak. Political debate raged. Horne found himself worsted in argument by a young classmate, a stalwart Isolationist, but he always won the vote.

This classmate was William Buckley, later the well-known neo-conservative. He came of a Catholic family, was one of ten children, at 15 already an accomplished politician. In his last year the Boss put Horne to room with Buckley and the two became friends for life.

I found this book more than a good read. I found it moving. I too remember my first encounter with America, aged 19, when I visited my aunt in Massachusetts and worked in my uncle's steel foundry in Pennsylvania. There was the same ribbing from my cousins of everything English, the same pride in American history. I even met the headmaster of my cousin's prep school and recognise in the Duke the lineaments of the Boss. Discipline? Why, we have no trouble, he said, though of course sometimes a boy will put a mouse in another boy's bed.

How different, I mused, from the life of our dear boys in their sophisticated schools. As I read, the memories came back of the same generosity, welcome and affection. Wasps get a poor press nowadays. Like Alistair Horne, I owe my Wasps a debt I can't repay.

Noël Annan

A BUNDLE FROM BRITAIN
By Alistair Horne
Macmillan, £17.99

Mad doctors for simple minds

Rosanna de Lisle

THE MOST SOLITARY OF AFFLICTIONS
Madness and Society in Britain, 1700-1900
By Andrew Scull
Yale University Press, £29.95

There can never be a good time or place in which to lose one's mind, but the 18th and 19th centuries in Britain were especially unkind to lunatics. In 1700, the mad might have roamed the countryside with the destitute, or boarded with a "mad-doctor" more interested in their money than their minds. Towards the end of the 18th century, they were still cooped up in the madhouse, only more so, writhing in chains for days on end. In the 19th century, social reformers released the insane from their manacles, and imprisoned them instead in asylums.

Scull recounts the fate of the lunatic at the hands of those who thought they knew better: doctors, the emerging psychiatric profession, parliamentary select committees, utilitarians and humanitarians. As Scull explains in his introduction, he has written an earlier, apparently seminal, work: *Museums of Madness*. This background gives the new book authority, but hinders its accessibility to the reader: lunacy has been Scull's special subject for 20 years and he does not wear his expertise lightly.

This is no easily digested polemic. Fighting a battle on two fronts — against Whiggish interpretations that equate the development of a state system of public asylum with progress, and those who damn the psychiatric profession altogether — Scull takes the role of super-revisionist. He finds both schools of thought guilty of the same offence: over-simplification. By contrast, his treatment of the subject is scholarly in the extreme — footnotes threaten to engulf text — and his conclusions are eminently plausible. Unable and unwilling to reduce his own argument to easily grasped tenets, Scull resorts to scorn. The real history of lunacy reform, he says, is infinitely more complex than his critics realise. This may be true, but being told so repeatedly is rather wearing.

The book perks up once Scull gets stuck into his narrative. His descriptions of the tortuous treatments of the 18th century — from whips and chains to swinging chairs designed to make the lunatic vomit — are ghoulishly fascinating, without being sensational. In the mad-doctors' defence, Scull points out that they thought they were acting in the patients' best interests. Nineteenth-century reformers reacted against physical solutions, advocating "moral treatment" instead. Their inspiration was the York Retreat, William Tuke's humane establishment, where the mentally ill were kept calm, active and unfettered. Evangelicals and utilitarians joined forces to create a state system of asylums.

But as the number of diagnosed lunatics soared, asylums became mammoth and over-crowded, and since ratepayers resented the cost of maintaining the mad, soon began to look like prisons. Colney Hatch asylum, opened in 1851, had 2,000 inmates. In order to cut costs, the Middlesex magistrates told the architect to skimp on the foundations: within a decade the building was on the point of collapse. For the mentally deficient moral treatment was little more than the absence of chains. It is hard not to choke on the Victorian boast that "the county asylum is the most blessed manifestation of true civilisation the world can present".

One cannot help but be convinced by the mass of evidence — asylum minute books, reports of the Commissioners in Lunacy, etc. — that Scull has amassed. But Scull is a specialist and this is essentially a book for specialists.

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Dangerous invitation of the gods

Philip Howard

THE MARRIAGE OF CADMUS AND HARMONY
By Roberto Calasso
Translated by Tim Parks
Jonathan Cape, £19.99

This is a palpably un-British book, fecklessly crossing the boundaries between anthropology and psychology, poetry and fiction, scholarship and pseudery. Hermes knows into which department the tidy British bookshops will file it. Classics is not sufficient or necessary as a label: nor is fiction.

The book retells the strange stories of Greek and Latin mythology boustrophedon, backwards and forwards, finding or creating patterns in them, from gallivanting and rapacious bulls to hanged women, and detecting relevance and resonances today. The book has won numerous foreign literary awards. It will not do so in the United Kingdom, because we are thrown off balance by such Protean intra-genre slipperiness.

This is not the Reverend John Lempriere, painstakingly collecting the foundation stories of Western literature and religion for reference like a philatelist, nor blessed Bullfinch detailing the great paintings made of the stories by artists from Botticelli to Picasso. The nearest thing to it originally in English was by Robert Graves, with his interpretations of the myths, and a great deal too much of the White Goddess.

The chain of these myths of Greece and to a lesser extent Rome starts with the copulation of Uranus and Gē, heaven and earth, and ends with the death of Odysseus. It predates history and literature, and finds its first literary links in the *Iliad* and the *Odyssey*. The circle opens with the fornication of earth and sky, and ends with a paltry brawl, a fatal accident, as, in a foreign land, the young Telegonus unknowingly kills his father, the old Odysseus, with the sting of a devilfish. After Odysseus, life without heroes begins. Stories are no longer exemplary, but are repeated and recounted. What happens is mere history.

Roberto Calasso: protean

There is no need to feel guilty about not believing all of this poetic enthusiasm. I must clearly read the Silver 5th-century Egyptian Nonnus, biographer of Dionysus, crammed with late mythological lore, but until now chiefly interesting for his metrical peculiarities, which were the start of accentual versification. But I do not have to take his versions of the old stories as gospel. Sometimes Calasso pulls one up with a start, by preferring his obscure, late versions of the myths, as in his account of the Sphinx's riddle to Oedipus. But where you have followed him down to the blind end of the labyrinth, for example to the obscure site of the only shrine to Ananke, goddess of Necessity, in the ancient world, he gets matters right. He is sound on Pausanias.

These are rich and obscure renderings of the old stories that are a forgotten part of our consciousness. I had never noticed that Dionysus, of all the gods, is the one who feels most at ease with women, nor known that vile Clement of Alexandria speaks of him as *choiropsdlēs*, "the one who touches the vulva"; the one whose fingers could make it vibrate like the strings of a lyre. Dionysus is the only god who does not need to demonstrate his virility, not even in war. When his army sets out for India, it looks like a gaggle of noisy girls.

These old gods and heroes are the origins of Western self-consciousness. To invite the gods ruins our relationship with them, but sets history in motion. A life in which the gods are not invited isn't worth living. It will be quieter, but there won't be any stories. And you might agree with Calasso that these dangerous invitations were contrived by the gods themselves, because the gods become bored with men who have no stories.

Here be dragons and rapes, cannibalism and curses, from the dawn of Western culture, re-arranged and selected. They are not always the best versions of the myths, but myths are creations of which there can be no definitive versions, only interpretations. It is a book to send you back to the first myth-makers, even that old ninny, Nonnus, and to realise that myth-making is not dead, but an essential part of our European childhood and culture.

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Lord Coppers all, but only up to a point

Woodrow Wyatt enjoys a survey of media moguls: who does what, with what and why to amuse all who read, listen or see

Nicholas Coleridge is bright, inquisitive and assiduous. He has connections by birth with the older aristocracy and in the publishing world he is now managing director of Condé Nast in London. He is clearly not the kind to be intimidated by the moguls of communications. Presumably they were willing to talk to him with some frankness and at inordinate length (occasional pruning would have been welcome) because his antecedents were more elevated than those of the general run of investigative reporters. He travelled prodigiously, interviewing proprietors and hundreds of their employees, to assemble this Baedeker of who does what, with what and why to amuse and influence all who can read, listen or see in the more or less civilised world.

For his conclusions, he might as well have stayed at home. It is well known that most who head significant media businesses tend to be megalomaniacs who considerably exaggerate their power over electorates. Also it should surprise nobody that these giants are very fond of money and are highly susceptible to flattery from their inferiors or their equals, rarely acknowledging there can be any superiors. I must now, like Agag, walk delicately. In my youth, I hoped I could become one of this magnificent company, but for various reasons I failed. So I am beholden to its members for the use of their presses through which I preach, in minor key, what I believe the world should do.

Coleridge parades his moguls entertainingly with a spice of mischief and wisely excludes his current employers. He records things they have said about each other which a few may now regret. They accord fulsome praise to their rivals, but cannot always resist the temptation to belittle. Robert Maxwell was alive when the author began his work, but dead by the time he finished. Quoted remarks on and by this extraordinary crook are therefore fair game and fun. As he plunged to inevitable disaster, he said of Rupert Murdoch: "He will be out of business before your book is published. You must trust me in this."

Rupert Murdoch was the first to see that the speed of technological development would rapidly transform worldwide communications. Almost unanimously, Murdoch is top-rated by his peers. Love of money and what he perceives as power are there. But the excitement which really drives him on is peering into, and anticipating, the future with its limitless potential for disseminating western values, good or bad, to all on earth.

In shaping the thoughts of its readers, the press is important between elections, but of far less consequence on polling day. If that were not so, Labour would not have formed so many governments. Newspapers can deepen or accelerate a trend when their intention is not over-blatant. They are able to diminish the status of the monarchy or get rid of a prime minister or cabinet minister by constantly gnawing at them. But the command to vote Labour or vote Conservative is a turn off: voters stubbornly take the narrow view of what is likely to maintain their own prosperity or improve it.

A revelation to many will be the newspaper skills of the apparently indolent Vere Rothermere. He has one of the sharpest brains of the lot. It was his idea to start and continue the *Mail on Sunday*, despite mounting losses, turning it into an outstandingly valuable property. He torpedoed Maxwell's new London evening paper by the ingenious device of temporarily resurrecting the *London Evening News*. This knocked some sales off the *Evening Standard*, which promptly returned after Maxwell had lost another £50 million and his evening paper. Rothermere, as Coleridge shows, has a highly interesting character, adhering to large parts of the Buddhist concepts of life and reincarnation.

Conrad Black's evolution from brashness towards maturity is also fascinatingly described. For the other press magnates, Lord Stevens is a non-entity owning but a few shares in Express Newspapers, of which he is chairman. He has created efficiency and saved money; but, without printers' ink in his veins, his rivals do not fear him as a damaging competitor. That would need another Beaverbrook, with his flair for politics and instant rapport with the middle classes.

Nicholas Coleridge's anecdote-packed book deals not merely with proprietors known to the British, but with those with huge circulations abroad. He writes well of their foibles, not dissimilar from those of the homegrown variety. Journalists will not be astonished to read that most proprietors rate them as expendable: their positions, apart from a few exceptional cases, are easily filled by other bright, young, intelligent men and women on their heels.

PAPER TIGERS
By Nicholas Coleridge
Heinemann, £17.99

Life, love and death in India

Praveen Moman

A RIVER SUTRA
By Gita Mehta
Heinemann, £9.99

THE BINDING VINE
By Shashi Deshpande
Virago, £5.99 pbk original

Two richly contrasting Indian worlds — one primarily metaphysical, the other mainly emotional — are offered here by two accomplished women writers.

A River Sutra is a series of tales within tales, held together by a thread or a string, the *sutra* of the title. A government official retires from city life to become the manager of a government rest house buried in the country side, overlooking a river renowned for its sacred qualities. "I am now a *vanaprasthi*, someone who has retired to the forest to reflect," he announces at the outset.

Instead of gentle silence in which he can gradually withdraw from the world, he is drawn into a realm where a series of people, half-real and half-imaginary, make him look at the world anew. In the words of his *mullah* friend they are "like water flowing through our life — we learn something from the encounter and then they are gone."

The approach to life and love are the central themes in these encounters. "The human heart has only one secret — the capacity to love," he is told early on when he embarks on his philosophical exploration. The characters depicted — a young mendicant monk, an Islamic scholar, a music teacher and a courtesan among others — each have their own parable to tell.

The monk tells of the pain and sacrifice of renunciation, making the bureaucrat think again about forsaking the world. Perhaps the most heartbreaking tale is that of the blind boy whose singing is so threateningly beautiful that it leads to his death. At the end the bureaucrat is reminded of man's transience in the universe with the age old Hindu belief that "the soul must travel through 84,000 births in order to become a man."

Seeking the wisdom of the East is a well-worn theme and can easily be ridiculed, as Mehta herself did in *Karma Cola*. There are undoubtedly superficial aspects in his journey of discovery and the imagery is sometimes overdone. Nevertheless, Mehta has given the bureaucrat's quest a seductive magic. She brings out in elegant and absorbing prose the intertwined seam of Hindu, Jain, Sufi and Muslim thought. Her characters make the different strands of this philosophy come alive.

Shashi Deshpande's work is also a *sutra* of interlocking thoughts, but is more contorted and introverted. Urmi, a college lecturer in Bombay, is trying to come to terms with the death of her baby daughter. She broods quietly about her unhappy marriage, her family and "the image of herself", imposed on her by her childhood friend Vanaa.

Urmi's emotional tensions are aggravated by involvement in two rape stories. The first is her chance discovery, in the poetry of her deceased mother-in-law, that she was "raped by her husband" — Vanaa's father. Urmi also gets involved with helping a woman from a poor background whose daughter, Kalpana, has been brutally raped.

The mother, in a classic Indian reaction, blames her daughter for being raped and wants to hush up the event to protect the family's reputation: "I'll never be able to hold up my head again, who will marry my daughter, we are decent people... what use is it blaming him [the man]... Women like you will never understand what it is like for us. We have to keep our place."

Urmi, the champion of modern educated values, persuades her to use Kalpana's plight to launch a media campaign to highlight the problem of rape victims. This results in the full truth of Kalpana's savage rape unravelling, with devastating consequences for her family.

Deshpande treats with sensitivity the problems of rape in a traditional society where so much depends on girls remaining chaste before marriage. The dramatic tension as Kalpana's story unfolds is gripping. The book would be even more effective if the number of different threads had been more tightly weaved together and the dialogue was less jerky.

The rape, within marriage, of her mother-in-law is the one aspect of the story difficult to accept. It is questionable whether this premise — taken from today's feminist vocabulary — can be superimposed on the attitude of a traditional Hindu woman a generation ago. In an age when women's rights and outlook were more constrained, it is difficult to see how this could even be contemplated then.

Jaipur market, 1966: from *Henri Cartier-Bresson in India* (Thames & Hudson, £14.95 paperback, with a foreword by Satyajit Ray), a pictorial chronicle of the photographer's lifelong love of India

Nuances of the Americas

Christina Koning

SCHOOM
By Jonathan Wilson
Lime Tree, £9.99 pbk original

NEBRASKA
By Ron Hansen
Vintage, £5.99 pbk original

The prevailing style of Jonathan Wilson's first collection of short stories is one of laconic understatement: a conversational, deceptively artless mode. His characters are ordinary people, some of whom — by accident or design — become involved in extraordinary events. Since a number of the stories are set in contemporary Jerusalem, this intermingling of political and personal is perhaps inevitable; but historical events are never allowed to overshadow the smaller dramas of individual lives.

In "Migrants", a Jewish American couple, Joel and Nancy Braverman, have decided, for idealistic reasons, to emigrate to Israel: "They looked at each other and laughed. Their situation was so absurd, the change in their lives so great, that a comic acceptance of the fate Joel had designed seemed, at this moment anyway, the only possible response."

The change in the Bravermans' lives is principally an economic one: they have swapped their comfortable New England suburb for the spartan surroundings of an Israeli resettlement camp; although, even here, their American citizenship gives them a privileged position. For their Russian neighbours, Oleg and Katya Krek, who have sacrificed everything to come to the New World, the change in circumstances is far greater. Poorly dressed and undernourished, they remind the Bravermans of "an earlier stage of Jew" — the European immigrants of their grandparents' generation. And yet — as the story's final, ironic reversal suggests — it is the Kreks who show themselves to be the real survivors.

Not all the stories in the collection offer such a clear moral, although several focus on the discrepancy between romantic aspiration and reality. "Gathering Rosie" is about an artist forced to choose between bohemian independence and marriage; he procrastinates too long, and loses his girl to another man. "Shoes" shows the same character, Sam Solomons, a few months on, still racked by fatal indecision. Nothing much happens in either of these stories; what makes them enjoyable is the author's attention to physical detail and nuances of behaviour, and the gently ironical humour with which he anatomises his characters' predicament.

There is humour in Ron Hansen's stories — albeit of a rather grim variety. In "Wickedness", which is set, like the rest of the stories in the collection, in Nebraska, a violent snowstorm turns those unfortunate enough to be exposed to it into human statues, frozen in the act of whatever they were doing in their last moments. In "Red Letter Days", an elderly golf enthusiast keeps a diary recording the infirmities of his friends, alongside details of his golf scores.

The landscape these stories evoke is one of rural deprivation and small town claustrophobia. Several deal with violent death — a central pre-occupation of this kind of American fiction, from Faulkner to Raymond Carver. But it is when the author eschews the gore that he is at his most successful. "Can I Just Sit Here For A While?", which is seen from the relentlessly upbeat point of view of a travelling salesman, achieves its effects not by resorting to nasty shocks, but by the sharpness of its observation.

Beggared belief

Ruth Gledhill

FORGET HEAVEN, JUST KISS ME
By Jeremy Vine
Hodder & Stoughton, £4.99 pbk original

With Susan Howatch covering the high ground in the Church of England, and Joanna Trollope the middle ground, the field was open for someone to take the low road. In has stepped Jeremy Vine, a reporter on BBC Radio 4's *Today* and tipped by some as the natural successor to Brian Readhead, who is leaving the programme and hopes to be ordained an Anglican priest. Vine worships at All Souls Langham Place, which has one of the biggest congregations in the country and is the mecca of the evangelical establishment in the Church of England. St Peter's church, north London and the setting of this debut novel, also happens to be evangelical, and the biggest church in the country. But there the similarity ends because it is clear that *Forget Heaven, Just Kiss Me* is entirely fictional. Only in the liberal wing of the church could a vicar be appointed who did not believe in God.

This novel's mix of born-again style religion, with double helpings of bright-eyed fanaticism and suppressed sexuality, should have been a disaster. Instead, Vine, an enviable 27, has produced a story that is comic and entertaining. Mark Empringham, a rather pathetic anti-hero, goes into the church because he repeatedly fails interviews as an accountant. Besides not believing in anything, he is hopeless with women, never reads his Bible and attempts to destroy a picture of Christ. Through a clerical error he is appointed curate at St Peter's, and chaos ensues.

The novel has its serious side. Vine asks overdue questions about the nature of pastoral counselling in the church, and paints a frightening picture of what happens when a cleric confuses the spiritual with the psychological, the sexual with the moral. He could perhaps have asked more questions about the complacent evangelicalism to be found in all denominations today. But for anyone with a friend or relative who has recently "got God" and apparently gone weird, this book will be a balm.

In search of the man who wasn't Bond

Mark Amory

THE LIFE OF IAN FLEMING
By Donald McCormick
Peter Owen, £18.50

Even thirty years after his death, the name Ian Fleming still sells books. There is, however, a snag to writing about him. His vast public is more interested in James Bond, in the monster rather than in Count Frankenstein (though Bond continued by another hand does not rival the real thing). To attract the fans a book must be called something like *The Man Who Was Bond*; this one, honourably, is not. Donald McCormick does claim that Fleming bought new realism to spy stories; but that just means a certain knowledge of the background. You can tell it goes no further by the weather. Spies who are out to convince wear mackintoshes and blow on their hands in lonely doorways; it never rains on Bond.

The book does, on the other hand, announce itself as the definitive biography and this is not true. It is a memoir that has been encouraged to sprawl. McCormick met Fleming when he was in Naval Intelligence during the war and developed a mild case of hero-worship. Afterwards he worked for him as a journalist. On these topics he writes with authority. On the background, the childhood, the books, the marriage, he is unoriginal and sometimes inaccurate. But in the world of espionage he has uncovered two exciting plots.

The first concerns Rudolf Hess and his flight to Scotland in 1941. Much is suggestion and not all is new, but Fleming had a plan to lure him into this so that, thinking the peace party in England much more influential than it was, the Nazis would delay invasion. The plan involved planting false information about an Anglo-German society called the Link, false astrological charts, Aleister Crowley and "a high ritual" in Sussex with a dummy in Nazi uniform on a throne-like chair. And Hess did come.

The second concerns an affair with a beautiful Polish spy. Christine Granville, born Skarbek, had been married twice and lived in Kenya before, fearless and passionately pro-British, she came to London eager to collect intelligence for us; after the war she received the George Medal and an OBE. In the late forties she was lunching with Fleming at Bertorelli's and soon after that they were meeting under code names.

Christine was not just discreet, she was pathologically secretive, but admitted once to "a few magical hours" with him in Dieppe. In 1952 Fleming married Ann (not Anne) Rothermere in Jamaica (Noël Coward was a witness and described eating the turtle caught by the groom as exactly like chewing an old Dunlop tyre, the crab as tasting of cigarette ash). That week *The Times* reported the murder of Christine Granville. She had been stabbed by a jealous doorman who saw her with another man, confessed and was hanged. Much later McCormick, researching the history of the British secret service, came across suggestive fragments that connected her to the death (murder?) of the Polish General Sikorski. We are back in the frustrating world of conjecture. More certain is the identification of Vesper Lynd in *Casino Royale*, the first and best Bond, as Christine.

Actor-author bonding: Sean Connery talking to Ian Fleming on a film set, 1967

McCormick makes no effort to evoke the glamour of Fleming beyond saying that he strove to make things "fun". He asserts that his hero was not melancholic but bored, then quotes several people including Fleming himself to deny it. Similarly, though championing him to suggest the familiar, possibly oversimplified portrait of a son made to pray each night that he should be like his admired (and soon dead) father, who fails to get into Oxford, left Sandhurst early, failed to get into the Foreign Office, was "painstaking" at Reuters and then became a stockbroker.

Seeing himself as a man of action, he remained behind a desk. In a neat phrase it was said, "Ian got off with women because he could not get on with them." In the war his wild imaginative plans almost invariably came to little, afterwards his excellent running of a foreign news service shrivelled through no fault of his. He wished for money and success and the fantasy that fed on his frustration and disappointment gave him both. There is another biography on the way to tell us whether this is all wrong.

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Johnson favourite to win place in Lions team to face New Zealand in second international

Hastings and Richards in battle for fitness

FROM DAVID HANDS IN WELLINGTON

THE fitness of two key players has persuaded the British Isles management to delay the announcement of the team for the second international with New Zealand on Saturday — the match by which the Lions tour stands or falls.

Gavin Hastings, the captain, and Dean Richards, the No 8, are being treated for a strained hamstring and a calf muscle, respectively. Yesterday a squad of 23 was named for the match — 21 plus cover for Hastings or Richards.

Since there are only two locks named, however, Martin Johnson is certain to claim a place ahead of Andy Reed, who was part of a poor forward effort against Hawke's Bay on Tuesday. Johnson, 23, should have been in the party from the first, rather than as a replacement for Wade Dooley. Injuries apart, the main debate centres, so to speak, on Will Carling or Scott Gibbs. Gibbs is the form player, Carling the more experienced. Since the management has emphasised that form in New Zealand is paramount, the Welshman should win the argument.

Whether Jason Leonard will play tight-head prop ahead of Paul Burnell remains an intriguing gamble. There is little enough evidence in Leonard's favour, but he should be sound enough to hold his own, and his play in the loose is worth the risk.

Now, too, is the time for the tour party to stand firm, whatever doubts may be expressed privately about the quality of players who were original selections. For good or ill, the players here are the only ones who can tilt the balance back towards the Lions, and the management must have worked overtime to lift the self-esteem of those who, against Hawke's Bay, played so badly that Stuart Barnes, captain for the day, declared he had been "let down". The Lions trained in private in Napier before flying to Wellington, still smarting from the breakdown in discipline and control against Hawke's Bay.

Richards: pivotal

"Our disappointment has been expressed to the party — forcibly," Geoff Cooke, the manager, said, but neither he nor Laurie Mains, the All Blacks coach, believed the result would have a detrimental effect on the Lions team for Saturday. Both sides are far more concerned with raising the level of the game from that of the first international, a concern shared by Eddie Tonks, chairman of the New Zealand Rugby Football Union council.

The union is desperate for an attractive home series that will keep rugby in the public eye: last year they had one in Australia and South Africa, and they do not want to let that momentum slip.

"I was extremely disappointed by the way the play went in the first Test," Mains said. "I expect the All Blacks to be role models for New Zealand rugby players." Even so, both managements would exchange spectacle for victory — that is the New Zealand way, while for the Lions, anything else would be disastrous.

"Winning means a lot to us," Sean Fitzpatrick, the New Zealand captain, said. "We try and play an expansive game but you can only play as expansive a game as the opposition lets you. It's in the back of our minds to promote rugby in the right way, but it's the team that wins the game that is remembered."

Cooke put it slightly differently: "I don't think either team will be going out with the primary objective of entertaining the crowd. A quality performance can lead to a better spectacle, but both teams are looking for a quality performance by which they can win."

The All Blacks expressed no concern about Mark Cooksley, the Counties lock brought in for his second cap who is suffering some leg muscle problems. However Ian Jones, the man Cooksley has replaced, did as much team work in training yesterday and Mains must hope that Cooksley plays a full role in New Zealand's training today.

DAVID ROGERS/ALLSPORT

Back in harness: John Kirwan trains after being recalled to the New Zealand side for the second international with the Lions

BRITISH ISLES SQUAD: Backs: G Hastings, A Clement, I Evans, R Underwood, W Carling, S Gibbs, J Guscott, R Andrew, S Barnes, R Jones, D Morris. Forwards: P Burnell, J Leonard, N Popplewell, K Milne, B Moore, M Bayfield, M Johnson, B Clarke, D Richards, M Teague, R Webster, P Winterbottom.

☐ Sir Ewart Bell, the former chairman of the International Rugby Football Board, will succeed Russell Thomas, of New Zealand, as chairman of Rugby World Cup Ltd from August 1. Thomas's place on the board will be taken by Leo Williams, of Australia.

☐ David Campese, recently named international player of the year by a British magazine, has been dropped by his Sydney club, Randwick. Bob Dwyer, the Australia coach, said the decision would not affect his international future. Campese has said he is bored with rugby union because of new rules for rucks and mauls. He said he had not touched the ball from a set play in his past three games.

☐ Olivier Merle, a second-row forward, and Stephane Graou, a prop, make their debuts for France on Saturday, against South Africa.

FRANCE: J-L Sadourny, P Berot-Saliès, P Sella, T Lacroix, P Saint-Andre, A Penaud, A Hueber, L Armary, J-M Gonzales, S Graou, O Merle, O Roumat (capt), P Benetton, L Cabannes, M Cecillon.

Medical tests for Angol in Italy

DEREK Angol, the British cruiserweight, was yesterday having medical tests in Italy after being knocked out by Massimiliano Duran during their European Boxing Union championship bout.

Doctors in Ferrara, Italy, said there was no cause for concern and that Angol was expected to make a full recovery. "He's still slightly confused and his movements are not yet fully co-ordinated," a Santa Anna di Ferrara Hospital spokesman said.

Angol was given oxygen by the medical services at ringside on Tuesday night to help bring him round after he had remained prone for several minutes. Duran put Angol on the canvas with a right to the side of the head, sending his seconds rushing into the ring to get the gum shield out of his mouth.

Too close for Boardman

Cycling: Chris Boardman, the Olympic champion, is unlikely to defend his national 4,000 metres track pursuit title at Leicester next month. The opening round of the series on July 24 is scheduled only 24 hours after Boardman's planned attack on the world one hour record of 51.151km.

His attempt is due in early evening on the indoor Velodrome at Bordeaux to coincide with a stage finish of the Tour de France. Transport services to England would not allow Boardman to arrive in Leicester in time for the opening pursuit round.

Young dies in South Africa

Cricket: Martin Young, who played 435 times for Gloucestershire between 1949 and 1964, has died in South Africa, aged 69. Educated at Wellingborough School, Young was a right-handed opening batsman. In the Parks at Oxford in 1962 he and R B Nicholls added 395 for Gloucestershire's first wicket against the University, the highest partnership ever put up for Gloucestershire. Young scored 24,555 runs in first-class cricket at an average of 30.69, including 40 hundreds.

☐ The newly-formed Bat and Ball Cricket Club, commemorating the inn of the same name at Broadhalfpenny Down, Hambledon, is to play its inaugural match there against Hampshire today. Its side will include Derek Underwood, Bob Taylor and John Barclay and will be led by Nick Pocock, the former Hampshire captain. The Prime Minister, John Major, agreed yesterday to become an honorary member of the club.

Larson recovers

Yachting: Chris Larson continued his winning ways at the J24 Open Championship at Abersoch yesterday. After recovering from a bad start, the American sailmaker and his crew, which includes the British Olympic yachtsman, Andy Hemmings, led from the first mark to chalk up their third successive victory.

☐ A total of 56 crews have entered the Teesside two-handed round-Britain race, starting from Plymouth on July 4.

Quieter tests

Motor racing: Formula One teams will have to use engine mufflers when testing their racers at the famed Enzo and Dino Ferrari track of Imola. Ezio Roi, an Imola judge, on Wednesday ruled on the compulsory use of engine mufflers during tests meeting a request of the Green Party, an environmental group.

Whistling in the dark near Paris

FROM MEL WEBB IN PARIS

THE concrete and clay urban sprawl that surrounds Le Golf National, the course where the French Open starts today, could have been lifted up bodily and planted in this pleasant outer suburb of Paris from just about anywhere from Milton Keynes to Melbourne. The course they will be playing on, however, owes its character and style to only one monolithic influence — the United States.

There are many classic US stadium golf concepts in evidence here — some impressive mounding so that the players can be seen, plenty of railway sleepers to shore up bentgrass greens that offer the putted ball almost no resistance to the gentlest stroke — and finally, and most crucially, there is water, water everywhere.

The briny comes into play on this 6,965 par-71 track on 14 of the 18 holes; the lads with the snorkels and the breathing gear could make a small killing here this week if they keep a careful eye on the high-risk areas.

Le National is the first purpose-built stadium course to be built in this part of the world, and even though the French Open has been played here only since 1991, when the course was barely a year old, the players put the course high on their thumbs-up list.

All the more remarkable, then, that, even with their Ryder Cup places far from secure, several of Europe's leading players have chosen not to do battle with the manifold delights of Le National.

Sam Torrance, leader of the order of merit after three wins and a second place in the last three months, is throwing his sturdy frame into the fray again this week, as are several others in the running for the team, plus Vijay Singh, making a welcome re-appearance from his new workplace on the US Tour. Meanwhile, the inter-stellar squad — Langer, Faldo, Woosnam — have all chosen to stay away.

This tournament is worth £500,000, with £83,330 going to the winner. That could do somebody's cup chances a power of good, yet not even the prospect of winning that sort of money has apparently attracted them.

The PGA European Tour's avowed determination to eradicate appearance money is worthy, but is doing little more than whistling in the dark. In short, if sponsors want certain players, and the players are prepared to involve themselves in an exhibition match, give a clinic, or, for all anybody knows, spend 15 seconds a day sweeping out the locker room, they are not deemed to be there just to play in the tournament and out comes the folding stuff.

The word here is that Langer, Faldo and Woosnam might just have priced themselves out of the market, thought to be asking a total of over $300,000 to appear.

Woman on top as golfing challenge gathers pace

BY MEL WEBB

JUNE 11 was a big day for Rosemary Donaldson (Mel Webb writes). It was the day she took on the boss, and beat him at his own game. The game was golf, and the boss also happened to be her husband, Brian Donaldson is the managing director of his own company in Ayrshire, and, intrigued by the concept of *The Times* Olivetti Corporate Golf Challenge, registered his firm with the challenge.

The company's golf day was to be held at Murrays Hall, and what more natural than that Rosemary Donaldson, also a director of the company and a keen member of Kilmarnock Barassie, should play in it. What Mr Donaldson did not, perhaps, bargain for was that the distaff side of the family should take on all the men and beat them hollow.

Rosemary Donaldson, a 22-handicapper, battled through foul weather for 41 Stableford points, nine more than her husband, and seven more than her nearest rival. The Donaldsons hope that their score of 129 points will be enough to take them to the regional final in October.

The challenge, the first national golf competition to be aimed at the business community, goes from strength to strength in its inaugural season. Already this month nearly 2,000 golfers have competed in company days registered with the event.

Elsewhere, tales of golfing banditry are filtering through. Peter White, the chief executive of the Alliance and Leicester Building Society, was not just the top-scoring guest at C E Heath's day at Harewood Down, but was also the overall individual winner — for the second year running.

The common strand linking all the above is the extra competitive edge given to company golf days by the challenge, for which there is still plenty of time to enter.

The rules of the competition are simple. Companies that register in the challenge have to stage an 18-hole Stableford competition in which at least 25 players take part, with competitors playing off ¾ of a maximum 24 handicap for men and 30 for women.

The 25 teams with the best aggregate will qualify for one of five regional finals, and each team comprises the leading three members of staff and the leading guest provided that are amateurs, have an official club handicap and are available for the regional and national finals. The regional finals, in early October, will be held, all golf expenses paid, at Fulford (North), Collingtree (Midlands), Bristol and Clifton (West and Wales), Haggs Castle (Scotland and Ireland) and Foxhills (South East).

The winning teams will go through to the national final November 25-29 at the Hyatt La Manga Club in southern Spain, where a 36-hole Stableford competition over two days will be staged on the famous Arnold Palmer-designed South Course. Flights — by Viva Air, the leisure arm of Iberia, Spain's national airline — and accommodation at the five-star hotel at the resort, will be paid for by the organisers. The final has been approved by the Royal and Ancient Club, so amateur status will not be jeopardised.

A fee of £150 will register companies, for which they will receive a challenge trophy for the individual winner at their golf day, and shields for the three runners-up.

Fixture lists appear weekly in the sports pages of The Times, and results also appear in the paper on a weekly basis.

Donaldson: beat her boss

Europe's finest meet head on

FROM PATRICIA DAVIES IN BERCUIT

THE BMW European Masters here, near Brussels, is that rare thing: a tournament on the Women Professional Golfers' European Tour (WPGET). It is worth £150,000 and it has attracted all Europe's leading players, including all ten members of the winning Solheim Cup team, several of whom have been plundering the US tour to such good effect this year.

Trish Johnson, third on the US money-list, Helen Alfredsson, fifth, and Laura Davies, tenth, have all won in the United States this season but they are desperate to see the European tour survive and prosper. Terry Coates, the WPGET's executive director, keeps being told that he has a hot property on his hands but what he would really like to do is get his tour's hot little hands on some real money.

It was like the beginning of term on the practice ground here yesterday — the previous event was more than three weeks ago in Holland, which itself was four weeks after the Ford Classic, the first event of the season. These big gaps are anathema to Coates and are the reason why so many of his members have to seek work in the United States. Not all of them want to spend all their time there, but they have little option.

Coates was hoping that the compliments would all turn into something more concrete and was heartened that his telephone never stopped ringing with enquiries from interested parties. Sunningdale, for example, are keen to host the Solheim Cup in 1996 and British Airways are on the verge of being persuaded to make Concorde available to take the European team to America next year when they defend the trophy. They would be wise to confirm immediately, for these women are genuine high fliers.

Solheim Cup points are already on offer — another reason for the influx from across the Atlantic — and Davies is one of those excited and energised by the prospect. "There are a lot of new, young players coming on," she said, "and I think our side will be even stronger than last time. We'll have to work really hard to make the team."

Annika Sorenstam, the young Swede who tops the Cup standings and the Spalding order of merit, is one of the newcomers Davies has in mind, and Bercuit, which is narrow and inhibiting, should favour Sorenstam's precise, accurate game. It is not a place best suited to Davies's power game.

Florence Descampe, the local hope who has been having such a poor season in America, said her morale was at its lowest. It is not possible to go any lower but Descampe, a volatile soul, is one of the game's best talents. She must rise from the depths some time — and where better to start than at home.

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Young equals unwanted record

ANTHONY Young, a starting pitcher for the New York Mets, equalled one of the oldest records in baseball on Tuesday night but it is not something he will care to remember.

When the Montreal Expos completed their 6-3 victory at Shea Stadium in New York, they inflicted on Young his 23rd straight loss, in a sequence stretching back to May last year.

That equals the mark set by Cliff Curtis, who lost 23 in a row for the Boston Braves during the 1910 and 1911 seasons. "I am a little rattled," Young, 27, said. "I expected to end the losing streak, but a couple of bad plays behind me cost three unearned runs.

"No one wants to be 0-23. Am I that bad? It's hard, but I am a fighter and I'm not going to give up. I'll hang in there. I'm embarrassed because I know I'm a better pitcher than that."

Young's remaining self-confidence may not be misplaced. The system of scoring which allots wins and losses to pitchers is complicated and occasionally unjust. More to the point, Young is playing for the worst team in the major leagues, poorer even than the Colorado Rockies and the Florida Marlins, two teams which only joined at the beginning of this season.

Despite a line-up including big hitters Bobby Bonilla and Eddie Murray, and pitcher Dwight Gooden, the Mets have won only 21 games this season and they have been no help to any of their pitchers. Young suffered particularly on Tuesday. A pair of fielding errors helped the Expos score three runs.

Dallas Green, the manager of the Mets, who was ejected during the game for arguing with the umpire, had some sympathy for Young. "Anthony didn't help himself with some pitches, but we vapor locked in the second inning with two errors," he said. "I had bragged that our defense was getting better, but it quit on us. We had some stiff hands out there. They are trying to help him out and they are trying to do too much."

The Expos manager, Felipe Alou, agreed. "Young is a good pitcher." Alou said. "He will win more than a few games if they just catch the ball for him."

The Mets general manager, Al Harazin, resigned on Tuesday, his departure following that of team manager Jeff Torborg, who was replaced by Green earlier in the season. The former Mets manager, Joe McIlvaine, has been suggested as a likely replacement for Harazin.

Carlton Fisk, of the Chicago White Sox, set a major league record for most games by a catcher in the 3-2 victory over the Texas Rangers at Comiskey Park. It was Fisk's 2,226th game, breaking the record he shared with Bob Boone. Fisk was 0-for-2 with a sacrifice in the game and was replaced by Mike Lavalliere in the ninth inning.

Fisk, 45, was starting only his thirteenth game of the season, but is now expected to play more because starting catcher Ron Karkovice has injured his shoulder. Fisk is the leading home run hitter in White Sox history, with 214.

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DHARMA

(b) In India, social or caste custom, right behaviour, law especially in Hinduism and Buddhism, moral law, truth, fro the Sanskrit word for decree or custom: "Here was the ger from which proceeded the idea or formula of an invisi presence, the teaching and power of the law (dhar represented the *dharmakaya*, or law-body of Buddha."

JUVIA

(c) The Brazil nut, adapted from the American Spanish: triangular grains which the shell of the juvia encloses are kr in commerce under the name of Brazil nuts."

FUGLEMAN

(c) A soldier especially expert and well drilled, formerly in front of a regiment or company as an example or model others in their exercises, adapted from the German *flügel* mann man: "Like the fugleman of a regiment, he overac movements which he would excite in others."

SOSHI

(c) A mercenary political agitator or intimidator, a terr bodyguard, from the Chinese *suo* lusty, valiant + *shi* w "The soshi or professional rowdies, who are ready consideration, to let out their services to either party in

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

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Casting off the cares of age might help to end dismal run of Test defeats

How the selectors could put youth on England's side

Australia have benefited from giving youth its head. **Michael Henderson** chooses a team of young Englishmen who might also prosper

The gift of hindsight is a wonderful thing. Trying harder than he now knows was wise to explain England's miserable defeat at Lord's, indeed a wretched sequence which stretches back seven Tests to last August, Ted Dexter invited the scorn of a sceptical nation by star gazing.

No sooner had Australia completed victory by an innings on Monday than pundits at both ends of the world were seeking alternative explanations. Speaking from Australia, where he is now the tutor to their best and brightest young players at the cricket academy, Rodney Marsh, the former Test wicketkeeper, denounced English county cricket as an inadequate nursery.

Whatever fate eventually befalls him, and he may not have to wait long, Dexter deserves better. There has always been a good place for saloon bar critics: the saloon. Those of more serious bent are trying to piece together a side which would be more competitive.

However, identifying the promising player, and then helping him fulfil that promise, is what chiefly separates the countries. Michael Slater's maiden Test hundred at Lord's was no more a happy accident than Mark Lathwell's exclusion is an isolated example of the English mistrust of brilliance. "Can't," say the English. "Can — and will," is the Australian way.

The temptation to do away with the old guard and thrust half-a-dozen tyros into the contest is understandable. So here, for argument's sake, is a team to pass the Marsh test, a side of players under the age of 25 who could meet an Australian team of equal years and retrieve English honour.

Top of the order would be Mark Lathwell, 21, of Somerset. Pity the young man who shoulders the burden of such promise. If he does not make runs when he gets the call people will wonder what the fuss has been about. He is independent, determined and an undemonstrative batsman who has the sheen of class.

John Crawley, 21, of Lancashire would open with Lathwell. After watching him as a teenager, Cyril Washbrook, not a man given to overstatement, predicted he would play for England by the age of 21. On overhearing someone mention his name favourably for an A tour place, Ted Dexter said: "Hang on, we might need him for a full one."

At No 3 would be Alistair Brown, 23, of Surrey. Few English batsmen are blessed with his ability to strike as cleanly, or as far. The boundary, even at the Oval, shrinks when he has lined up his sights. There is more to his game than brute force. He has touch as well.

Mark Ramprakash, 23, of Middlesex, made a fair impression against West Indies two summers ago but although he was taken on the following tour, to New Zealand, the selectors gave the nod to Graeme Hick who has yet to repay their considerable investment of time and hope. Ramprakash deserves another opportunity, the sooner the better.

Philip Weston, 20, of Worcestershire, a former captain of the Young England side, stands 6ft 3ins tall and is a resolute left-hander in the mould of Chris Broad. He is, in reality, two full seasons from maturity but his uncomplicated manner holds him in good stead.

As an all-rounder, Dominic Cork, 21, of Derbyshire, might fit the bill. His performances last year, when he failed to advance as much as his many admirers hoped, suggested he had started to believe the headlines. There is talent there, as a swing and seam bowler of medium-fast pace, and as a middle order batsman, but he needs greater discipline to confirm his potential.

Keeping wicket would be Karl Krikken, 24, of Derbyshire. Appearances are frequently deceptive. Krikken is not a gainly wicketkeeper but he is an able one, proving — if proof were needed — that character is at least as important as class. A decent batsman with scope for improvement, he is also a barometer of team spirit.

Robert Croft, 23, Glamorgan is another all-rounder. If he played for a more fashionable county, like Surrey, he might have progressed further than he already has. Nevertheless, as an off-spinner who can bat, he has a promising future.

Martin Bicknell, 24, of Surrey seems to have been around longer than Shirley Temple, but he is still in the first flush of youth where English cricket is concerned. He can swing the ball at a fair pace when he wants to and can bat. If he cannot achieve promotion to the Test team this year, he may never.

Mark Ilott, 22, of Essex is a left-arm bowler who, unlike John Lever, his predecessor at Essex, tends to seam rather than swing the ball. A yard faster than he was, he has been brought up in a competitive side and is now on the verge of the Test team. His omission from the side at Old Trafford was daft.

Alex Barnett, 22, of Lancashire, would complete the line-up. Barnett left Middlesex two years ago to emerge from the shadow of Phil Tufnell and, after a dispiriting first season, he has blossomed on sympathetic pitches at Old Trafford. Jeremy Batty, the young Yorkshire off-spinner, and Chris Adams, the Derbyshire batsman, might compete for the twelfth man spot.

Although Dexter's performance after defeat at Lord's on Monday was confused, and confusing, it was not hard to feel some sympathy for him. For he knows that England come a poor second to Australia at present.

In one matter he was undeniably right. "It is always assumed that if someone plays badly, someone else would have done better." To support his point he mentioned Michael Atherton. Those who were imploring the selectors to ditch him as an opening batsman, he implied, were now sizing him up for the captain's blazer.

Regular watchers of championship cricket will validate Marsh's claim about poor standards. When a journeyman like Tony Middleton of Hampshire is picked for an England A tour at the age of 28 ahead of, say, Trevor Ward of Kent, one despairs. If ever a portrait of English cricket was accomplished by a single stroke, that was it.

Cock-eyed selection is not exclusive to England although it often seems we are the world champions. This traditional shortcoming is compounded by short-termism (witness Neil Foster's recall at Lord's), and a failure to accommodate gifted mavericks and an inability to take hard decisions (for instance, the selection of DeFreitas for Old Trafford).

There are not one but two young men who should go straight into the England side. Lathwell is one. Crawley, who finishes at Cambridge University next week, is the other. Unfortunately, both suffer from the dual handicap of being unusually gifted and bonafide Englishmen.

Perhaps the real test is that facing Brown at Surrey. At 23, the same age as Slater, he has acquired a reputation as a modern-day amalgam of Victor Trumper, Arthur Wellard and D'Artagnan. Will he survive, his instincts in tact, or is he just a blazing meteor, like one of Dexter's comets?

The fault, dear Brutus, is not in our stars,

But in ourselves, that we are underlings.

Cave, Ted. Funny things can happen on the way to the Forum.

TEAM

M N Lathwell (Somerset)
J P Crawley (Lancashire, captain)
M R Ramprakash (Middlesex)
A D Brown (Surrey)
C J Adams (Derbyshire)
R B Croft (Glamorgan)
D J Cork (Derbyshire)
K M Krikken (Derbyshire)
M P Bicknell (Surrey)
M C Ilott (Essex)
A A Barnett (Lancashire)
J D Batty (Yorkshire)

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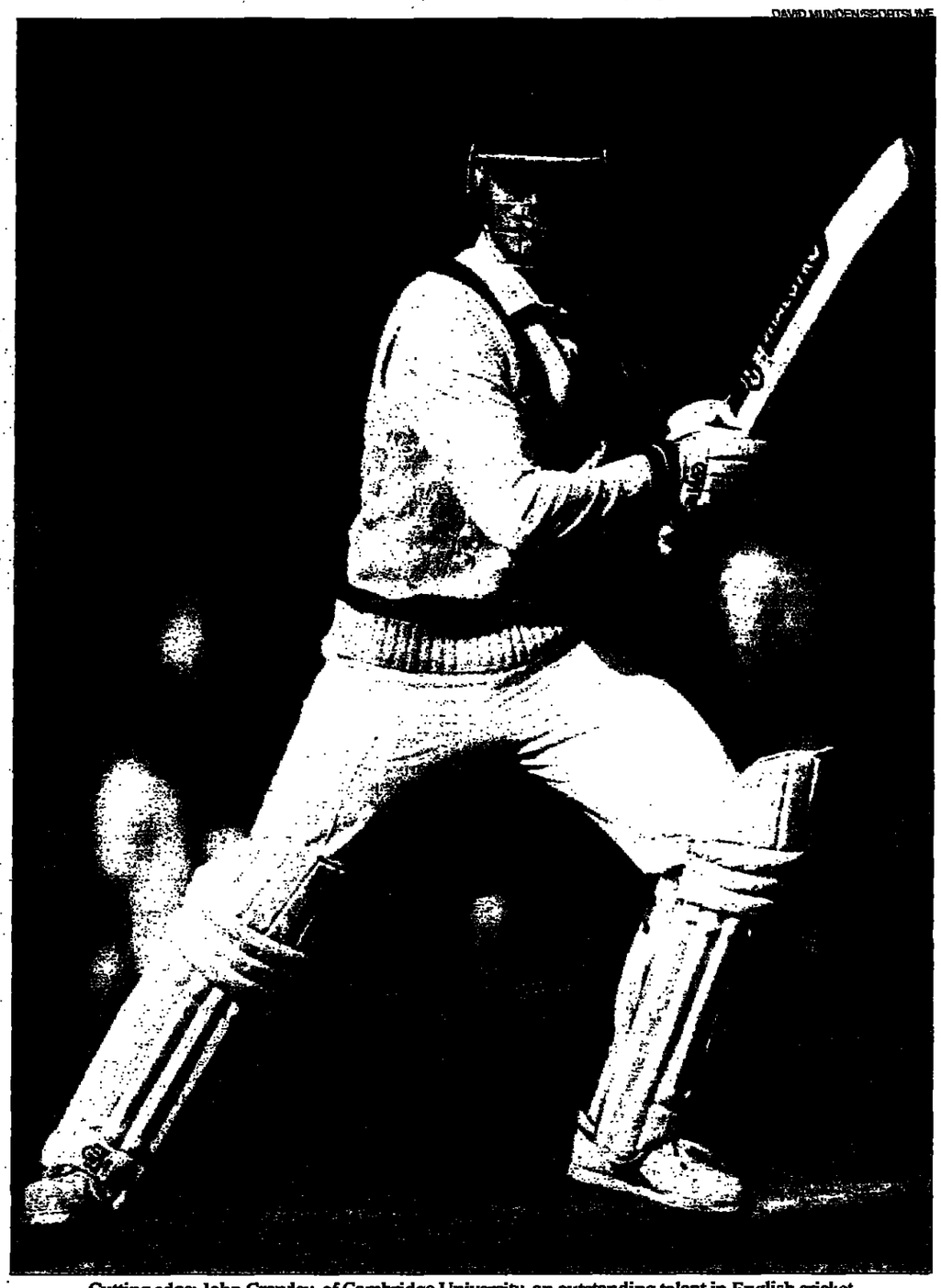
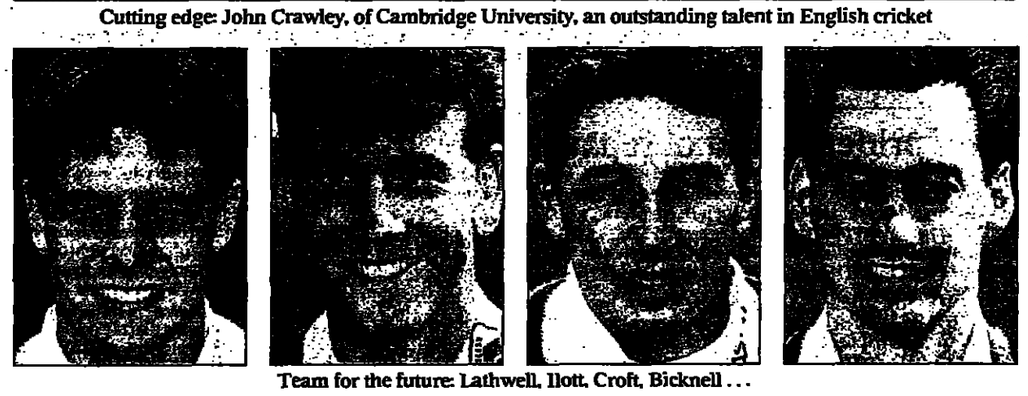
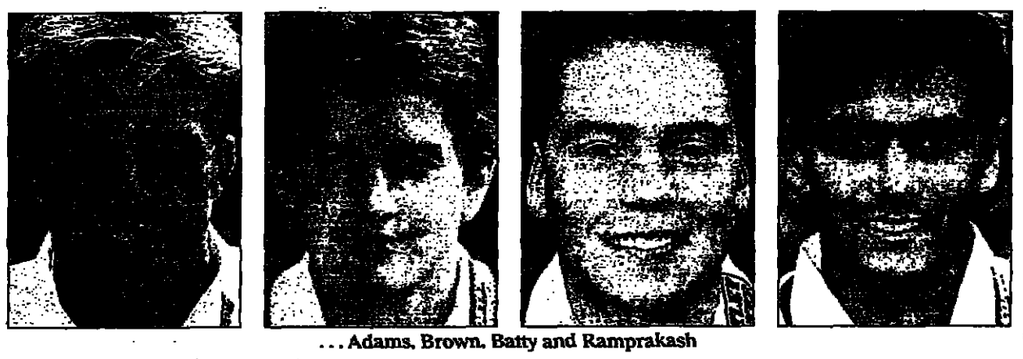


Cutting edge: John Crawley, of Cambridge University, an outstanding talent in English cricket



Team for the future: Lathwell, Ilott, Croft, Bicknell ...



... Adams, Brown, Batty and Ramprakash

Leaders cannot afford to ignore Essex

By Alan Lee
Cricket Correspondent

TWO months ago, when this county season began, it would have been reasonable to identify Lord's, where Middlesex play Surrey, as a significant venue in today's round of championship matches. It would not have been so easy to name Swansea as the stage for the day's other big match, or to predict that Ilford would be witnessing a meeting of also-rans.

But, if that is how things appear this morning, do not be fooled. The capital's two teams are, of course, genuine contenders and Glamorgan's run at the head of the table is a delight, if still probably a temporary one, but those who have already begun to dismiss the prospects of Essex winning a third consecutive title are ignoring history and pedigree.

The bare bones of their season so far may be unimpressive — one win from six games and thirteenth place in the table — but experienced Essex-watchers will know that they are seldom at their best before midsummer's day. It is between Ilford, in late June, and Colchester, in late August, that they are formidable.

It has not helped them that their festival venues, where the opposition is usually mere fodder, now stage one game each rather than two. But none of them clashes with Test matches, making a marked difference to the Essex strength, and a clearer measure of the chance of a championship treble, last achieved by Yorkshire in 1968, will be known after the match with Warwickshire, which starts at Valentine's Park today.

Middlesex are now favourites for the title with all the leading bookmakers, a judgment with which their nearest neighbours might disagree. Middlesex clung on to joint-top place by dint of a wholly artificial win in a rain-reduced game at Bath, the type of match that gave three-day cricket its bad name.

Surrey are 18 points off the pace with a game in hand and, but for suffering grievous luck with the weather on two occasions already, they would probably be top. Waqar Younis and Martin Bicknell are proving every bit as effective a strike force as Surrey had hoped and when quick runs are needed, Surrey have the artillery to provide them.

Glamorgan's success — top of the championship and fourth in the Sunday League — would, in any other year, have brought joy to a following of very few. An enterprising cut-price scheme this spring, however, has seen the county's membership soar from 3,600 to 10,000.

The cricket secretary, Mike Fatkin, admits: "We are not sure about our depth." This explains why Matthew Maynard and Robert Croft are to continue playing with fractures in their hands and they are two of the several Glamorgan players who warrant an England selector making the trip to Swansea today, even if Chris Lewis, the Nottinghamshire all-rounder whose England place may be under threat, will be absent nursing a back injury.

McDermott returns home with injury

THE Australians are expected to announce at a press conference in London today that Craig McDermott, their fast bowler, will be returning home because of the twisted bowel that prevented him from taking an active part in the second Test match at Lord's (Ivo Tennant writes). It is unlikely that they will send for a replacement.

Allan Border has said that he would rather McDermott recovered in time for Australia's forthcoming domestic season than remain in England, which is a measure of the self-confidence he has after winning the first two Tests. In all on the tour, McDermott took six first-class wickets for 449 runs. None of these was in the first Test at Old Trafford.

Explaining why no replacement was needed, Border said: "Holdsworth is quick, Julian gives us the variety of a left-armer and Reiffel would be ideal for a seamer's wicket. If there is any doubt about Craig, he must get himself right for next summer at home. At 28, he has plenty of cricket ahead of him."

Slater maintains form

By Ivo Tennant

THE PARKS (first day of three; Combined Universities won toss): Combined Universities, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 281 runs behind the Australians

IT COULD reasonably have been assumed, not least by Combined Universities bowlers, that Michael Slater would be sated with runs after his memorable batting at Lord's in his last innings. Not so. He made his third century of the tour yesterday and, what was more, made it before lunch.

Matthew Hayden struck 98 and Damien Martyn a century between lunch and tea. Their sense of purpose was such that they might as well have been playing at Lord's and not in a match that other touring sides would take about as seriously as the first-class counties.

Far from thinking in terms of giving his wicket away once he had made his century, Slater was cross with himself for having driven Pearson too uppishly to mid-wicket. He concerned himself not with whether these student bowlers were pie throwers, but with amassing as many runs as possible.

The last occasion on which an Australian scored a century before lunch on the first day of a match on a tour of England was Bob Cowper, at Scarborough in 1964. On a decent pitch, only Hallett gave the Australians any cause for concern and that was only because he dismissed tail-enders sent in for batting practice.

Slater made 111 off 129 balls; Hayden 98 from 134 balls and Martyn, averaging 69 before this match and wondering what more he can do to make the Test side, an unbeaten 138 that spanned a session and was one run short of his career-best score. One cover drive on bended knee was positively West Indian: the rest of his strokes told of a better schooling than he would have received as a young player in England.

The Australians gamely declared at tea and soon had rid themselves of a compatriot in Gallian. They contented themselves with giving Warne just four overs, understandably preferring that others had more to do. Montgomerie, until he unwisely ventured down the pitch, to Warne in the manner of one or two England batsmen, showed just why he will be welcomed back by Northamptonshire after the University match.

To give the Australians first innings, as a university side always does, is a courtesy, although somehow you cannot imagine a reciprocal arrangement. Still, a sizablecrowd had come to see them make runs and, failing that, watch Warne bowl. In the event, they had both.

SCOREBOARD

AUSTRALIANS: First Innings
M L Hayden c Windows b Gallian ... 98
M J Slater c Gallian b Pearson 111
†D R Martyn not out 138
B P Julian b Hallett 1
T J Zoehrer c and b Hallett 4
S K Warne low b Hallett 5
M E Waugh not out 29
Extras (b 2) 2
Total (5 wkts dec) 388
*M A Taylor, P R Reiffel, T B A May and W J Holdsworth did not bat
FALL OF WICKETS. 1-189, 2-280, 3-281, 4-271, 5-283.
BOWLING. Hallett 19-1-85-3; Macdonald 10-1-68-0; Gallian 13-0-62-1, Pearson 20-1-107-1; Snape 11-1-64-0

COMBINED UNIVERSITIES: First Innings
R R Montgomerie st Martyn b Warne 52
*J E R Gallian lbw b Holdsworth 1
R Q Cake not out 33
G B T Lovell not out 7
Extras (b 2, lb 2, nb 10) 14
Total (2 wkts) 107
J N Snape, M G N Windows, J Wileman, †S F Shephard, J C Hallett, R M Pearson and R H Macdonald to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS. 1-15, 2-94.
BOWLING: Holdsworth 8-1-18-1; Julian 7-0-40-0, Reiffel 5-1-17-0; Zoehrer 8-2-21-0; Warne 4-1-7-1
Umpires: D J Constant and R Julian.

Richards plans cricket's global age

Alan Lee on the aims of the Australian who will become the first chief executive of the International Cricket Council next month

Cricket has taken years to come to terms with its global responsibilities. Through shameless self-interest and petty jealousies, some countries have determinedly resisted cogent central government, preferring the harmless flannel that has passed itself off as the International Cricket Council (ICC).

Now, unless the reactionaries can prevent it at this late stage, the forces for reform have made an important breakthrough. After the annual meeting of the ICC next month, a professional international administrator will officially be installed at Lord's. It is difficult to know whether to say good luck, or God help him.

The complexities and conflicts he will face mean that admiration and sympathy will be due in equal measure to David Richards, the eloquent Australian who is about to become the first chief executive of the ICC.

But Richards is alert to the pitfalls. He is conscious, too, that the reputation of the ICC is poor, its image being that of a body that either cannot or will not legislate in a decisive way, with an attitude to public relations that has, at times, been laughably inept.

He is not going to change that overnight, nor does he imagine he will. The office now prepared for him, above the Compton Bar at the Nursery End, will be no ivory tower but a compact and realistic unit of, at first, Richards, a personal assistant and a junior.

The challenge is immense but it is that which appeals to Richards, an energetic and ambitious man who was brought into cricket administration by a crisis and has navigated his career through the game's most turbulent years.

"The genesis of it was South Africa's departure from world cricket in 1971," he said. "Victoria then had the job of organising a Rest of the World side to tour Australia and they were so stretched they advertised for an assistant secretary.

"It came at the right time for me, psychologically. I had been teaching at my old high school and I was jaded at the end of the school year. I had also just got married. I was ready for a change.

"I started on January 17, 1972. I shall always remember the date because, at the MCG that day, Gary Sobers was busy teaching everyone how to bat." Richards, 46, still played cricket in Melbourne last winter, in the same club third XI as his 14-year-old son, Geoff. "I am a batting all-rounder whose bowling gets slower by the year," he said.

Rapidly promoted to secretary of the Victoria Cricket Association, he later assumed responsibility for the television and marketing side of Australian cricket at the time when Kerry Packer was taking over those areas through buying up the best players. In 1980, immediately post-Packer but with the reverberations still strong, Richards became chief executive of the Australian Cricket Board (ACB).

There is a view that, under Richards's administration, Australia have courted the legacy of Packer, promoting one-day cricket at the expense of the real thing. He does not agree.

"After more than 12 years, I think I am leaving the ACB in good shape," he said. "Test cricket in Australia is alive and well. One-day cricket is alive and quite well. Despite what may be imagined, Test cricket here finances itself and is as popular as ever.

"I don't believe cricket and marketing are incompatible. People lose sight of the fact that the game at top level is a significant financial enterprise, with millions of dollars involved. So long as it remains a sport run in a businesslike way, not the other way around, I think we are on the right track."

In the first year of his appointment, Richards intends to travel a good deal, both to establish his role and to investigate priorities, and he will also pursue his vision of the game in the 21st century.

"My conviction is that cricket should become a major sport in areas where it is hardly a sport at all, like Europe, the United States and parts of Asia. In 20 years' time, there will be sports which are truly global and those which are not. Cricket deserves to be in the first group and it is my job to see that it is."

Richards does not see the job as a fleeting affair. Appointed for five years, with an option of a further five, he intends to be at Lord's past the turn of the century before thinking of his retirement home in Noosa Heads, Queensland.

Games selection under threat from protesters

David Miller says the IOC must quickly rise above politics, or risk another damaging boycott

SELECTIVE morality by superpower states is once again threatening the Olympic Games. Berlin and Peking, candidate cities to host the millennium Games of 2000, yesterday ran headlong into a phenomenon that has afflicted the modern Games for much of their first century.

The moment has come when Juan-Antonio Samaranch, the president of the International Olympic Committee, should make a statement reasserting the IOC's philosophical independence from political influence. Otherwise, the Olympic movement is likely again to be entangled in controversy, as in earlier boycotts.

Berlin and Peking, giving press conferences yesterday together with Brasilia, Istanbul, Manchester and Sydney, were pressurised on racism and human rights, respectively. Neither was able to give wholly satisfactory reassurance on issues which are by no means unique to them.

It is imperative for the IOC to restate its policy of political independence before the forces of interference start polarising over the next three months. As ever, the IOC needs better protection, its sporting, commercial and grant-aid professionalism being far in advance of its public relations.

Boycotts have limited, if any, influence, direct or indirect. What was more significant for mankind: an IOC rejection of Nazism in 1936, or Jesse Owens memorably defying it in Berlin?

It is absurdly selective of the US House of Representatives and Bill Bradley, a New Jersey Democrat senator and former basketball gold medal winner, to condemn the possible nomination for 2000 of the capital of China, the nation that America welcomed with gleeful praise as breakers of the 1984 Soviet boycott of Los Angeles, a nation recently nominated "most favoured" for trade.

The difficulty for Samaranch is that he should redefine the IOC's independence on principle without appearing at the same time to indicate a preference for Peking in the bidding. It is suspected, however, that Samaranch considers the Olympic Games, a weapon of peace, could serve to bring together China and its ideological opponents in the same way that the Seoul Games assisted South Korea.

Unless Samaranch makes a public stance, the IOC will be criticised either way: if Peking is elected, for ignoring human rights, if defeated that the IOC was again bullied by America, with possible subsequent damage to the Atlanta Games from Asia. Several American protesters were hustled away by police from the street outside the new museum at yesterday's formal opening.

The Chinese representatives under fire yesterday took the wrong line by challenging human rights as being a relevant voting issue. They should instead have admitted the existence of a problem, that it could not be resolved overnight, but that China is attempting to achieve liberalism, and that the Olympic Games might assist this.

Samaranch: has difficulty

Human rights campaigners are conspicuously absent from any challenge to the Australian Aborigines' issues, Turkish political prisoners or extreme British interrogation of IRA suspects; or, come to that, Atlanta race relations or the plight of Arizona reservation Indians.

The most proficient of yesterday's bid conferences was Sydney's, giving an impression of unity between city, state and national government and the Australian Olympic committee. It was apparent, however, that Manchester's Millennium Foundation — a £17 million assistance programme for third world nations — may have unsettled Sydney's composure, and it has unnerved Berlin.

The mood this week is undeniable: that Manchester, previously some way back in third place, has begun to accelerate. A Latin American said to me: "It's now between two, Sydney and Manchester." He may be wrong, but the comment is indicative of a changing pattern. Bob Scott, asked whether he thought that Manchester might come between Sydney and Peking as a late alternative choice, replied with characteristic humour: "I dream of little else."

Brasilia's bid is so insubstantial they should be obliged to withdraw. An informal meeting of South American IOC members on Tuesday is said to have agreed not to vote en bloc, which would mean no sympathy-vote in the first round for Brasilia, welcome news for Manchester, which is dependent on some Latin American support.

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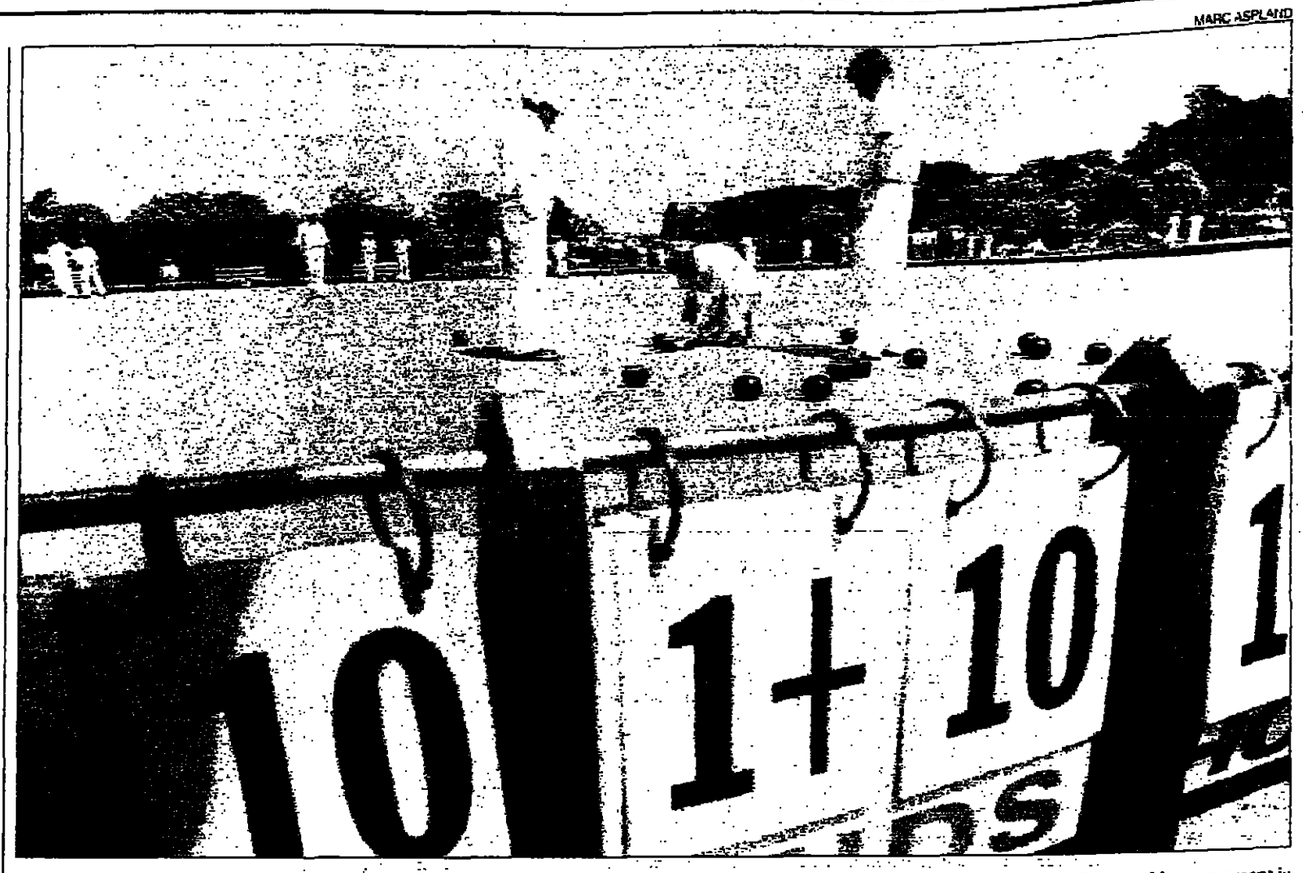

Rub of the green: everyone was on time for the first round of the pairs yesterday at Clarence Park, pictured above. "The tournament that runs like clockwork" used to be the watchword of the Weston-super-Mare Open, one of the longest running seaside bowls events in Britain, this week completing its 71st year (David Rhys Jones writes). Early programmes are full of pictures of Edwardian champions, attracted to the Somerset resort from all parts of Britain for their annual holidays. Welsh internationals by the score would make their annual pilgrimage by paddle steamers across the Bristol Channel, making the Weston-super-Mare event one of the most competitive in Britain. Times have changed. Only one Welsh international is at Weston this week — Len Watkins, who won the pairs in 1960, but now in his 80s a spectator. Seaside tournaments are no longer the highlight of the season, because leading players are too busy with other events. But, although times have changed, the woods roll on relentlessly at Clarence Park, with more than a thousand competitors this week in singles, pairs and triples. The seaside tournament is alive and well. Already through to the last 16 of the singles are top county players, Alan Apsey, Steve Gait and Martin Mills of Somerset, Ted Vowles, Mike Smith and Arthur Miles, of Gloucestershire, and Malcolm Dare, of Devon. Apsey and Dare kept their hand in by winning the first round of the pairs.

Beardsley and Collymore move for £4 million

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

THE close-season transfer merry-go-round snapped out of its relative slumber yesterday as Newcastle United, Peter Beardsley, Nottingham Forest and Stan Collymore were involved in moves worth, in total, £4 million.

Beardsley's transfer back to Newcastle from Everton was the first, the former England forward putting pen to paper on a three-year contract as the two clubs exchanged a £1.5 million fee.

With Sergei Yuran, the Ukrainian who plays his international football for Russia, likely to follow Beardsley to Tyneside for a similar sum from Benfica within the next week, Newcastle's have signalled their ambitions in the Premier League as clearly as they could.

Beardsley's was the signature they prized most of all. Alongside Chris Waddle and Kevin Keegan, he was at the heart of the last Tyneside revival and his departure to Liverpool was symptomatic of Newcastle's subsequent decline. With Keegan now in the managerial chair at St James' Park, Beardsley needed little persuading that at 32 now was a good time to return.

The move was greeted with glee in the North East. "I honestly believe Peter is still the best player in this country," Keegan said.

Collymore's move to Nottingham Forest from Southend United, the subject of speculation for many months, was finally completed yesterday when the clubs agreed a £2 million fee with a further £500,000 to be paid if Collymore, 22, goes on to play for England and helps Forest win promotion back into the Premier League by topping the 25-goal mark next season.

Birmingham City yesterday confirmed they held ambitious plans to bring Diego Maradona, once indisputably the best player in the world, to St Andrew's from Sevilla, the Spanish club, where his contract has just been cancelled.

However, the prospect dimmed when it emerged that Maradona's asking price was £4 million for a one-year contract. Birmingham were prepared to pay £1.5 million. Instead, Birmingham were holding talks with three of Norwegian side that defeated England 2-0 in this month's World Cup qualifier in Oslo — the goalscorers, Oyvind Leonhardsen and Lars Bohmen, and the midfield player, Erik Myklarid.

Peter Shreeves, the Wales coach and former Tottenham Hotspur manager, has been appointed assistant manager at Chelsea. Glenn Hoddle, the new Chelsea manager, played under Shreeves at Tottenham between 1984 and 1986.

SPORTS LETTERS

England's cricketing pride in need of repair

From Mr Martin Wood

Sir, Australians, West Indians, Pakistanis, Indians, New Zealanders, South Africans and Sri Lankans have an added incentive to play cricket well for their country because they were born there.

The England cricket team this summer has comprised members born in Guyana, Dominica, South Africa, Zimbabwe and New Zealand. I wonder if, since cricket is a team game, a feeling of national pride is missing from our Test team.

Yours sincerely,
MARTIN WOOD,
2 St John's Road,
Sevenoaks, Kent.

From Mrs C. E. Dibb

Sir, Before we all get too hot and bothered over the current England v Australia series, three things require to be said:
1. It is the game that counts, not winning. Regardless of the outcome, both sides have provided lovely cricket, and I wouldn't have missed a minute.
2. Cricket is no less subject to its ups and downs than anything else. Agreed, we are all in need of a bit of an up, but let's not be such dogs that we have to rend one another in our disappointments.
3. Isn't it time to say well done, Australia? They're a delightful team, showing superb sportsmanship, and we may allow ourselves the honour of acknowledging that we are up against a worthy adversary.

Yours faithfully,
C. EMILY DIBB,
Flat 7, 46 Pont Street, SW1.

From Mr A. F. Lilley

Sir, What has happened to sportsmanship? With a team superior in every department, why do the Australians resort to every ploy in ensuring victory? From the outrageous verbal assaults of Hughes to the non-stop handclapping, in the batsman's ears, from Healy, to the histrionics of Warne, who gazes gape-mouthed, hands on knees, stricken with amazement that every ball hasn't taken a wicket, it would seem that the team could audition for the Old Vic.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,
A. F. LILLEY,
Kingsdown Park House,
Tankerton, Kent.

From Mr Nick Ritblat

Sir, Now that radio microphones are *de rigueur* for the umpires, would anyone mind very much if the England cricket team was fitted with similar devices in the field?

This would allow the selection of a non-playing captain, whose role would be to remove some of the burdens of office from the playing captain (perhaps allowing the choice of a younger man) and, by frequent transmissions, to delay play sufficiently to improve England's chances of a draw.

Yours, nor wholly in jest,
NICK RITBLAT,
10 Cornwall Terrace, NW1.

From Mr Peter J. Beer

Sir, The profligacy of Australian run-making should be challenged. A latter-day Spedegue should repair in utter secrecy to a New Forest glade to develop the "dropper", the delivery calculated to fall "either right on to the bails or into the wicket-keeper's hands just beyond them".

Soon your columns will be able to affirm, as did Sir Arthur Conan Doyle in *The Maracot Deep*: "The splendid Australian batsmen, those active, clear-eyed men who could smile at our fast bowling and make the best of our slow bowlers seem simple, were absolutely at sea."

Yours faithfully,
PETER J. BEER,
2 Hill Cottages,
Reepham, Norfolk.

From Mr Peter Stead

Sir, No wonder we are doomed as a nation and as a cricketing power. At the Lord's shop during the second Test I bought a postcard of the ground which was printed the wrong way round.

Yours etc.,
PETER STEAD,
2 Glynderwen Crescent,
Swansea, West Glamorgan.

Loyalty's low value in football

From Mrs L. M. Sarjeant

Sir, David Miller ("Ardiles upholds tradition", June 21) extols the undoubted qualities of the new Tottenham Hotspur manager. But it is a pity that in praising Ardiles's "lawyer's intelligence as well as tactical wisdom" he failed to mention the other attribute which appears to be equally essential for the success of the modern football manager.

I refer to that invaluable sense of self-justification which enables him to walk happily away from existing commitments, reneging on responsibilities to the employers, colleagues and many thousands of supporters who trusted his word and held him in respect and affection. An added refinement of the true "pro" is the repeated fulsome expressions of assurance and reassurance that he has no intention whatever of doing any such thing.

Well, of course, we say, it happens all the time — forget it. When someone is rightly famous for doing his difficult job so superbly, why spoil it by expecting him to abide by the same moral code as the rest of us. Besides, there's always financial redress through the courts: we can't tarnish the image of our icons with nasty hints of public opprobrium, now can we, so let them do as they will.

However, who is going to justify the glaring double standard to our children and young people? Who will tell the teenage thugs and thieves and joyriders, the yobs and vandals both in and out of football why they, too, can't just take whatever they want.

Perhaps, for a start, Gary Mabbutt, the Spurs captain, would be able to tell us how the Sugar/Venables rift is cause for such painful regret, yet Ardiles's betrayal of West Bromwich Albion is condoned for the sake of his "excellent appointment" at Tottenham.

Football is a great sport and its best exponents are uniquely placed to set the good examples so badly needed in these troubled days. So should we therefore be prepared to brush their less edifying career moves under the carpet? I think it's foul play.

Yours faithfully,
L. M. SARJEANT,
5 King Street,
Alfreton, Derbyshire.

Harsh treatment

From Dr Valerie Goldberg

Sir, Is it possible that what is wrong with British sport is the type of person who controls it? Think of some recent decisions: in rugby union there was the harsh ruling that kept Rob Andrew out of first-class club rugby for four months after his firm had moved him back to London from France (this may well have cost England the third grand slam).

There is also the ungracious treatment of Wade Dooley after his father's death, when the New Zealanders were bending over backwards to help him rejoin the Lions' tour.

In football and cricket there are extraordinary blunders in selection, and persistence with game-plans that seem to penalise natural ability.

I am sure that, in their own minds, the administrators are convinced that their procedures are quite justifiable, but may I adapt a phrase attributed to W. G. Grace? "The crowd has come to see the teams play, not you administrate."

Yours faithfully,
VALERIE GOLDBERG,
6 Hollycroft Avenue,
Wembley, Middlesex.

Sad day for golf

From Mrs Dianne Brown

Sir, It will be a sad day when the golfing treasures of Bobby Locke are auctioned in London on July 9. Golfers and treasure seekers will be pleased with their individual purchases, but should a collection such as this not be kept intact, preferably in South Africa?

Although proud of her sportspeople's achievements, South Africa does not have the facilities to house a lifetime collection such as this, even if it were donated. At this late stage, it would be difficult to motivate local business magnates to raise the capital to purchase the collection for posterity and to find a suitable place for its safe keeping.

If the collection is to be fragmented, it must be hoped that the items will grace the display cabinets of golfing enthusiasts worldwide.

Yours faithfully,
DIANNE BROWN (nee Locke),
18 Bantam Drive, Blairgowrie,
Randburg 2194, South Africa.

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Safety study

From Mr E. H. Thomas

Sir, Mr James Stanford's letter (June 17) requires correction in two respects:
1. There was no second fatality in horse trials in 1982; the next fatality was at Osberton in September 1984.
2. The Osberton fatality was not at a table fence or anything remotely resembling one.

Nevertheless, the safety of table fences is urgently being addressed by the working party, of which I am the chairman, set up to advise on the safety of cross-country fences. We expect to report within three weeks.

We have not so far received any evidence to indicate that table fences are inherently dangerous, particularly given the huge number of uneventful negotiations of such obstacles. However, we will certainly come forward with recommendations to improve the construction or design of fences if we can possibly do so.

Yours faithfully,
E. H. THOMAS, Director,
Badminton Horse Trials,
Badminton, Avon.

From Mr M. Whitlock, FRCS

Sir, The real problem of table fences is why a rider who wears all the protective clothing should die. Should these accidents have occurred in other sports, we would look very carefully at the design of the head and body protectors.

We have not been officially informed of the cause of death in the two most recent tragedies, but we do know that the jockey hat will not withstand the forces involved if a horse falls on top of its head. Several improvements in design were proposed to the BSI committee several years ago, but only minimal changes were made to the standard.

The new European standard will preclude any major improvements. At least one manufacturer made a hat of a much higher standard, and obtained the backing of an insurance company, but it was not popular with riders and did not sell.

It is vital that, if riders do not insist on improved standards of protection, the relevant authorities do. The Jockey Club has always been seen to lead the way, but the injuries sustained by event riders are not necessarily the same and are certainly different to injuries on the road. The technology is available to provide adequate protection to the head and body, but there will continue to be deaths unless the governing bodies insist on higher standards.

The one good thing to emerge from the recent tragedies is that it is essential to have well-trained doctors as well as paramedics attending equestrian competitions.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL R. WHITLOCK,
Consultant, Accident and Emergency Department,
Barnet General Hospital,
Wellhouse Lane,
Barnet, Hertfordshire.

The sports letter published on June 17 on the "war-paint" of the Australian cricket team should have been shown to be from Sir Donald Tebbit.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Florida Marlins 7, St Louis Cardinals 5; Philadelphia Phillies 5, Atlanta Braves 3; Pittsburgh Pirates 7, Chicago Cubs 2; Montreal Expos 6, New York Mets 3; Cincinnati Reds 16, Colorado Rockies 13; Houston Astros 5, Los Angeles Dodgers 1; San Diego Padres 2, San Francisco Giants 1
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Cleveland Indians 3, Milwaukee Brewers 2; Boston Red Sox 4, Minnesota Twins 1; Baltimore Orioles 12, Detroit Tigers 9; Toronto Blue Jays 5, New York Yankees 4; Chicago White Sox 3, Texas Rangers 2; Kansas City Royals 5, California Angels 3; Oakland Athletics 10, Seattle Mariners 3

BASKETBALL

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS: Group A (in Karlsruhe) Sweden 100, Russia 92 (OT); Group B (in Berlin) Croatia 100, France 95 (OT); Group C (in Karlsruhe): Greece 81, Latvia 62, Italy 82, Israel 63; Group D (in Berlin): Estonia 113, Germany 103; Belgium 82, Slovania 61. Qualifying round (in Zalaegerszeg, Hungary): England 67, Romania 70

BOWLS

WESTON-SUPER-MARE: Open tournament: Singles: Fourth round: Section A: M Dare (Kings, Torquay) bt S O'Connell (Weston St Andrews), 21-11; M J Smith (Page Park) bt J Nester (Rugby), 21-11; S Gal (Barn) bt E Hodge (Bristol Greenbank), 21-19; M Mills (British Cellophane) bt R Clements (Redland Green) 21-12. Section B: R Billington (British Cellophane) bt W Jones (Hereford) 21-17; A Miles (Bristol St George) bt R Joyes (Ashcombe), 21-9; A Apsey (Bristol) bt R Coles (Ashcombe), 21-13; J Withers (Bath) bt G Lane (Beechwood), 21-19. Section C: C Leach (Caerglow) bt R Bundy (Monmouth), 21-10; M Hill (Ardsagh) bt I Hemsley (PBA), 21-19; P Casson (Redland Green) bt K Bailey (Holt), 21-12; M Carter (Bristol St George) bt S Clarion (Ashcombe), 21-16. Section D: T Linfield-Smith (Weston St Andrews) bt R Austin (Avonvale) 21-6; J Clark (Bristol Greenbank) bt A T David (Tabach), 21-12; J R Williams (Nailsworth) bt C Feltham (Bristol St George), 21-5; E Vowles (Redland Green) bt P Provis (Keynsham) 21-18
Pairs: First round: A Carrington and C Rides bt R Peel and R Stanford, 23-11; T Edwards and R Joyes bt N Hunt and B Friend 28-14; D Parish and R Morris bt C Watt and M J Smith, 18-13; P Casson and L Baines bt A Starr and E Vowles, 22-14; R and R Poynter bt D Boutcher and W Elliott, 19-16; D Breton and H Shepherd bt P Chudley and B Hart, 34-7; T Duggan and T Powell bt C Harding and R Workman, 21-20; S Caldwell and A Hall bt R Pike and D Griffiths, 18-15; R and R Scrase bt A Savoy and R Richards, 23-18; J Keith and A Uccellini bt P Brown and J Whitlock, 21-11; R Bundy and R Green bt D Diver and M Harree, 29-14; L Cheetham and W Fripp bt J Arnold and E Poole, 26-8; R Bruckshaw and M Sadler bt A Edwards and M Mills, 16-15; A Apsey and P Maidment bt B Hart and E Turner, 23-8; D Gregory and M Langley bt W Ferris and D Bargent, 26-8; A Whitlock and R Smith bt L Tozalie and W Allen, 33-13; R Joyce and F A Farmer bt R Taylor and W Fitton, 20-11

BOXING

FERRARA, Italy: European cruiserweight championship: Massimiliano Duran (It) ko Derek Angol (GB), 11th rnd
TOKYO: WBA junior welterweight championship: Juan Martin Coggi (Arg, holder) ko Hiroyuki Yoshino (Japan) 5th rnd
ATLANTIC CITY: Heavyweight (10 rounds): Michael Moorer (US) bt James Pritchard (US) rsc 3rd rnd

CRICKET

BAIN CLARKSON TROPHY: Oxted: Surrey 295-7 (A W Smith 102, P D Atkins 90), Essex 216 (R J Rollins 52, D J Kelleher 5-39) Surrey won by 79 runs
BEACHCROFT, STANLEYS CRICKETER CUP: Second round: Chatterhouse Fners 255-4; Old Whitgiftians 194. Old Brightonians 217-7. Old Citizens 218-2. Felsted Robins 192-9. Old Alleynians 193-7. Old Cheltonians 234-9. Marlborough Blues 237-7. Old Tonbridgians 268-6, Bradfield Wads 269-3; Uppingham Rovers 262-5, Haileybury Hermits 142-8; Shrewsbury Saracens 150, Harrow Wanderers 151-6. Rugby Meteors 223-7. Old Merchant Taylors 225-6
SCHOOLS MATCHES: *Winchester 72, Eton 75-1; *Eton 168, Belborne College (S Africa) 125; King's, Macclesfield 183-2, *Rossall 93-4; *Downside 186-9, Free Foresters 188-9, Bishop's (Cape Town) 187; *Cheltenham 158-4
* denotes home team

CYCLING

ISLE OF MAN INTERNATIONAL WEEK: Curwen Clague memorial handicap (48 miles): 1, F Laurance (Fr), 1hr 47min 39sec; 2, S McDonald (Ire); 3, W Geys (Hol), 4, S Colloby (Wales), 5, C Power (Ire) all same time; 6, J Evans (Wales), at 7 sec. Two-up 10-mile TT: 1, G Clynes (Leo RC) and M Ives (Saracen Cycles), 23 13; 2, K Silvester and P Guy (Mid-Shropshire Wh), 23.24; 3, W Moore (Leo RC) and C Greenwood (Cardiff Byways RCC), 23.39
TOUR OF SWEDEN: Final stage (130.4km), 1, T Wilhelms (Ger) 4hr 12min 36sec; 2, K Michaelsen (Den); 3, R Schmidt (Ger) 4, A Pijske (Lat); 5, O Vanonningslon (Bel); 6, J Capiot (Bel), all same time. Overall: 1, P Anderson (Aus) 26 34 50, 2, F Moreau (Fr), at 23sec; 3, L Armstrong (US), 1 06, 4, M Andersson (Swe) 2 09, 5, Pijske, 2 15; 6, P Jonker (Aus), 2 31; 8, S Yates (GB), 4 22
TOUR OF SWITZERLAND: Ninth stage (Coire to Bad Ragaz, 150km): 1, R Soerensen (Den), 4hr 29min 46sec; 2, V Ekimov (Russ), at 4sec; 3, S Sunderland (Aus); 4, M Saligan (It); 5, Z Jaskula (Pol); 6, R Alcala (Mex), 7, P Tonkov (Russ); 8, R Jaermann (Switz), 9, F Escartin (Sp), all same time. Overall: 1, Saligan, 39h 37min 8sec; 2, R Jaermann (Switz) at 2min 17sec; 3, Escartin, 2 23; 4, E Bouwmans (Hol), 2 59; 5, Tonkov, 3 06; 6, F Puttini (Switz), 3 31; 7, D Zhdanov (Russ), 3 35; 8, D Rebellin (It), 3 36; 9, B Zberg (Switz), 4 02
TOUR OF THE MINING VALLEIES (Spain): Second stage (147km): 1, M Indurain (Sp), 4hr 0min 55sec; 2, F Rodriguez (Col) at 3sec; 3, R Millar (GB), 14; 4, J van de Laer (Bel), 25; 5, F S (It), 39; 6, B Hamburger (Den), all same time. Overall: 1, Indurain 7hr 44min 44sec; 2, Rodriguez, 35; 3, Millar 48; 4, Hamburger, 1 11; 5, J Mauleon (Sp), 1 22; 6, G Rue (Fr), 1 28
TOUR OF PUGLIA: Fourth stage (Fasano to Locorotondo 164km): 1, G Pelizi (It), 4hr 49min 37sec; 2, A Tchmouk (Russ), at 2sec; 3, S Bauer (Can), 5; 4, F Fontanelli (It); 5, M Piccoli (It), same time. Overall: 1, L Gelfi (It) 19hr 57min 24sec; 2, G Calcaterra (It), at 2sec; 3, M Podenzana (It), 5; 4, D Nicolini (It), 28; 5, M Ghirotto (It), 53

FOOTBALL

WORLD CUP: Asian zone, Group B: Syria 2, Taiwan 0, Iran 0, Oman 0
COPA AMERICA, Group A: United States 3, Venezuela 3; Ecuador 2, Uruguay 1

GOLF

BONMONT, Switzerland: Leaman International Senior Trophy: Final scores: 210: P Ferrant (US), 71, 70, 69, 211: C Evans (US), 69, 75, 69, 213; V Tshopolski (SA), 71, 70, 72, 215; J Garaialde (Fr), 71, 72, 72, 216; D Jimenez (US), 72, 72, 72, M Murphy (Ire), 71, 74, 71, N Coles (Eng), 72, 70, 74, 217; H Boyle (Eng), 70, 75, 72, R Whitehead (Eng), 70, 77, 70, 218; N Drew (N Ire), 75, 72, 71, R Sola (Sp), 70, 72, 76, D Smail (Eng), 72, 72, 74
SONY WORLD RANKINGS: Leading positions: 1, N Faldo (Eng), 21.40pts; 2, B Langer (Ger), 16.51; 3, F Couples (US), 14.76; 4, G Norman (Aus), 14.04; 5, N Price (Zim), 13.64; 6, P Azinger (US), 13.38; 7, I Woosnam (Wales), 12.08; 8, J-M Olazabal (Sp), 11.49; 9, J Cook (US), 10.59; 10, T Kite (US), 10.38; 11, M McNulty (Zim), 10.24; 12, M Ozaki (Japan), 9.91; 13, Dave Love III (US), 9.66; 14, P Stewart (US), 9.02; 15, C Pavin (US), 8.62; 16, D Frost (SA), 8.27; 17, S Ellington (Aus), 8.06; 18, M O'Meara (US), 8.00; 19, C Montgomerie (Scot), 7.79; 20, L Janzen (US), 7.34
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YACHTING

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OTHER SPORT
TENNIS: Wimbledon: All England championships.

JAPANESE LEAGUE: Kashima Antlers 3, Kawasaki Verdy 2, Yokohama Marinos 3, Hiroshima San Frecce 2, Urawa Reds 2, Ichihara JEF United 3; Shimizu S-Pulse 3, Osaka Gamba 2, Yokohama Flugels 1. Nagoya Grampus Eight 2 (jan). Leading positions (after 12 matches): 1, Kashima Antlers 18pts; 2, Ichihara JEF United, 14; 3, Shimizu S-Pulse 13.

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By Julian Muscat

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Previous efforts to promote the Tote Jackpot have foundered on account of the Tote's very limited presence in the high street. They can only call on 160 outlets.

Two of Britain's 'big three' betting chains, Ladbrokes and William Hill, have declined to accept Tote terminals, but Coral's participation represents a significant breakthrough. The combined Coral/Tote outlets will offer the opportunity to establish Jackpot pools of a size regularly achieved in other racing countries where a tote monopoly exists.

Punters in those countries concentrate their betting activity around exotic bets, like the Jackpot, at the expense of the singles and doubles so popular in Britain. Coral's acceptance of Tote business has come at a price, however, in the form of an extra 2 per cent deduction to Tote Jackpot and trio pools to compensate for the 20 per cent commission Coral is charging for accepting the terminals. Deductions to the Tote Placepot pool remain unaffected.

In a bid to exploit this new-found strength, Wyatt said the Tote had its eye on a Superbet, requiring punters to forecast the first six home in a competitive handicap every Saturday. Next year's Cheltenham Festival has been targeted for the Superbet's launch.

In France, where a similar race is run four times a week, betting revenue on these events accounts for some 75 per cent of all turnover. Ladbrokes have acknowledged the threat posed by the Tote's new technology by introducing their own Trio bet, calculated internally by a formula they will not reveal.

This is not pool betting, however, and their Trio dividends have been regularly outscored by those of the Tote even though Ladbrokes retain all stakes in the event of an unsuccessful combination. The lack of a winning ticket among Tote clients means the pool is carried forward to the next Trio race.

The success of the Coral/Tote venture depends heavily on their promotion of the theme in the face of restrictive regulation. Coral managing director, John Morgan, is optimistic the offending legislation will be rewritten inside 12 months. This would allow Coral and Tote shops to advertise the size of pool bets in their shop windows.

Morgan also believes the Jackpot and Superbet will offer regular punters a viable alternative to the undoubted attractions of a national lottery. "I do believe Tote Direct is a vehicle to mitigate against the lottery if it is as successful as I believe it will be," he said.

Coral and the Tote face an uphill task in re-educating the habits of the British punter if they are to achieve large pools. A consequence of the Tote's minimal presence against the 'big three' in the off-course market is that punters are simply not used to thinking along Jackpot lines. Pool betting has its own distinct advantages, and the two firms will need a substantial promotions budget to fully exploit them.

The small, independent betting shops have also expressed interest in installing terminals. Such has been the advance demand that Wyatt said: "I estimate at least two-thirds of the country's betting shops will be using Tote Direct by the end of the year."

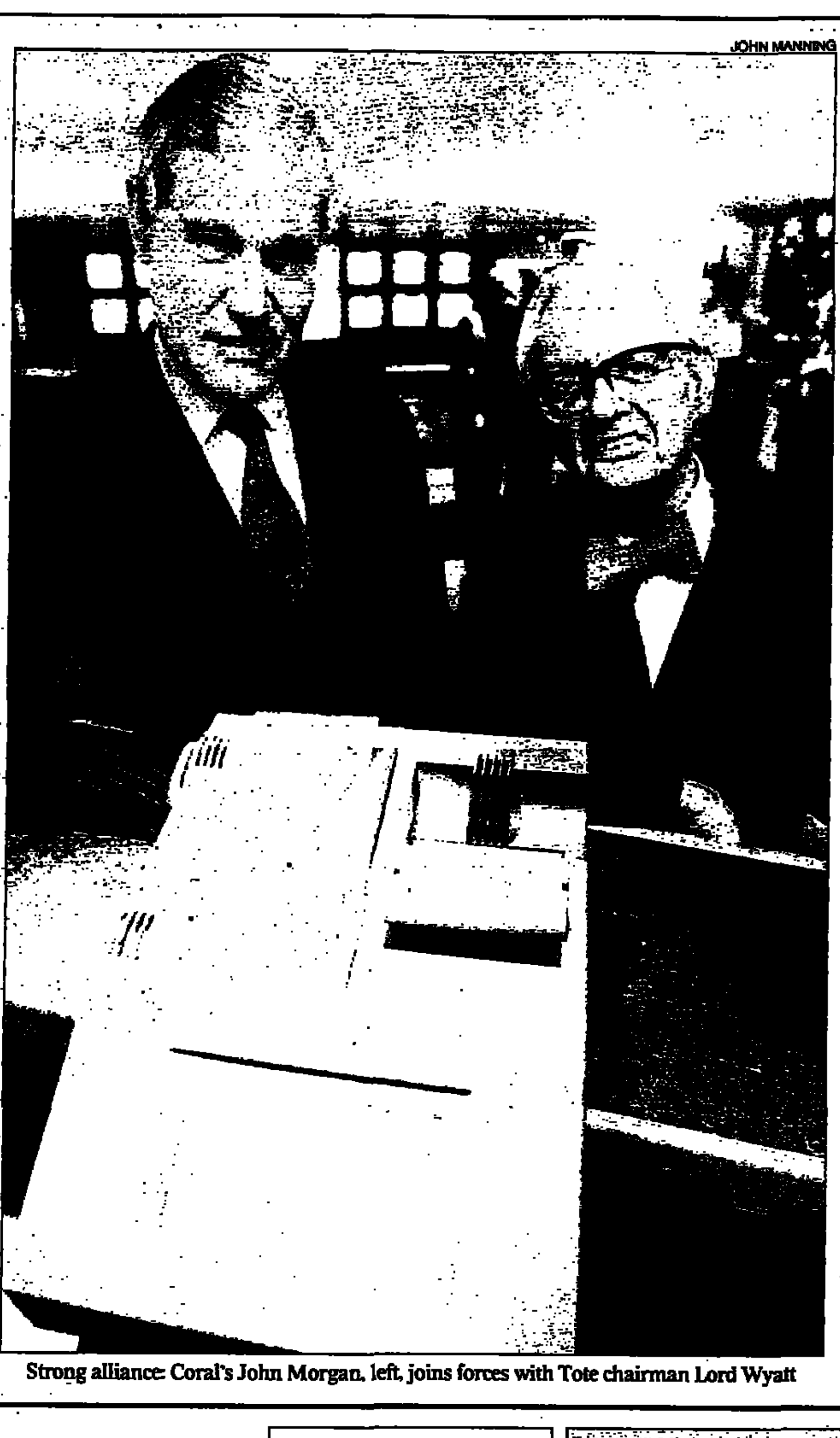
Large Jackpot pay-outs have in the past been possible only through an accumulation of unclaimed pools.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: VELASCO
(4.20 Salisbury)

Next best: Opera Ghost
(3.20 Salisbury)

JOHN MANNING



Strong alliance: Coral's John Morgan, left, joins forces with Tote chairman Lord Wyatt

Abdulla adds Regency to Curragh team

By Julian Muscat

KHALED Abdulla's Regency, trained in France by Criquette Head, was yesterday confirmed a definite runner in Sunday's Budweiser Irish Derby at the Curragh. Willie Carson will take the ride.

Abdulla has therefore declared a formidable hand as his Epsom Derby winner, Commander In Chief, will also be in the line-up. It is an attacking policy, and one which reflects the high regard Abdulla's camp has for Hernando, the French Derby winner.

In winning that classic, Hernando skipped off the good ground to leave Regency toiling, just under five lengths behind, in fifth place. The going at the Curragh will have more give under foot, much to Regency's benefit, and will ask a more serious question of Hernando's stamina than did the French Derby.

"Regency's style of racing has always been close to, if not actually, on the pace," Abdulla's racing manager, Grant Pritchard-Gordon, said yesterday. Regency's preferred place among the leaders will ensure a truly-run race, conditions which are guaranteed to bring out the best in Commander In Chief.

Abdulla's two-pronged assault is reminiscent of the 1990 Irish classic, when Quest For Fame, whose way of racing was similar to that of Commander In Chief, was joined in the line-up by Deploy.

Deploy's forcing tactics carried him into second place behind Salsabil. Quest For Fame, for whom the race was ideally run, proved unable to capitalise on it owing to an injury he sustained when making his effort.

Like Deploy, Regency has a very real chance in his own right, particularly with some give in the ground. Earlier in the season he comfortably won the group two Prix Hocquart on yielding ground at Longchamp, and although the course at the Curragh is drying out, conditions on the day should be such that no horse can be inconvenienced by them.

Head: trains Regency

Emperor Jones, an unlucky third behind Placerville in the group two Prince Of Wales's Stakes at Royal Ascot, is the only English-trained horse left in Sunday's group one Grand Prix de Paris over a mile-and-a-quarter at Longchamp.

Hernando and Regency, both expected to run in the Irish Derby, are also among the 11 still engaged.

SALISBURY

THUNDERER

2.20 Alta Victoria. 2.50 North Esk. 3.20 Source Of Light. 3.50 River Deep. 4.20 Halham Tarn. 4.50 LADY SABO (nap). 5.20 Green's Bid

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.20 Duveen. 5.20 Magique Rond Point.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) DRAW: 6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.20 SHREWTON MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O £2,489: 6f 212yd) (10 runners)

1 (3) 6-200 DOCTOR-J 42 (Mrs M Caine) M Heaton-Ellis 9-0 ... S Raymont 83
2 (4) 55000-5 KINTWYN 14 (Mrs F Bacons) D Laing 9-0 ... T Williams 72
3 (7) 0-04 NOBLE RISK 14 (Heatherton Stables Ltd) R Hannon 9-0 ... J Reid 82
4 (1) 800- WOODLANDS ELECTRIC 198 (Woodlands Ltd) P Pritchard 9-0 ... N Adams
5 (6) 035 AKHLAK 20 (H Al Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-9 ... W Carson
6 (2) 0-602 ALTA VICTORIA 21 (Mrs J Baker) R Charlton 8-9 ... Pat Eddery 95
7 (9) 00-0540 BEYOND THE LIMIT 14 (M Freil) D Marks 8-9 ... A Clark 76
8 (10) 000- MIM 229 (R Mead) G Balding 8-9 ... W Ryan
9 (8) 6050 NO GAIN 14 (Mrs J Frankham) B Smart 8-9 ... Kim McDonnell (7) 84
10 (5) 05-0242 PERDITION 14 (Locers Owners Group) J Hills 8-9 ... D Harrison (3) 88

BETTING: 5-2 Akhlak, 3-1 Perdition, 9-2 Alta Victoria, 5-1 Noble Risk, 8-1 No Gain, 12-1 Doctor-J, 16-1 Beyond The Limit, 25-1 others

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

DOCTOR-J best effort when 3l 2nd of 6 to Trentesimo in a claimer at Warwick (6l, soft) in April. AKHLAK 5½l 5th of 7 to Barbouth in a maiden at Epsom (1m 114yd, good) earlier 1l 3rd of 11 to Petonellajill in a maiden at Goodwood (7l, good to firm). ALTA VICTORIA 2l 2nd of 6 to Mutakallam in a maiden at Beverley (1m 110yd, good to firm). PERDITION 1l 2nd of 9 to Time Again in an apprentice riders' auction maiden at Newbury (7l, good to firm) with NOBLE RISK (same terms) 1½l 4th.
Selection: AKHLAK

2.50 NOEL CANNON MEMORIAL TROPHY HANDICAP
(£5,482: 1m) (7 runners)

1 (2) 200-145 TISSISAT 24 (CD,F,G) (The Queen) I Balding 4-10-0 ... L Dettori 96
2 (3) 1300-05 NOBLE PET 14 (S) (A Schiff) P Makin 4-9-12 ... A Munro 97
3 (4) 322-152 MARASTANI 24 (D,F) (C Hedigan) G Harwood 3-9-4 ... J Reid 98
4 (5) 0513-0 RAKIS 47 (S) (H Al Maktoum) C Benstead 3-9-2 ... W Carson 91
5 (7) 60-0041 WAVE HILL 14 (D,F,G) (J Whelan) P Hedger 4-8-13 ... W Ryan
6 (6) 000212 NORTH ESK 10 (D,F,G) (A Speyer) D Wilson 4-8-2 ... G Carter 98
7 (1) 40-1112 DEEVEE 10 (D,F,G) (D Tenner) C Benstead 4-7-7 ... J Lowe 98

BETTING: 100-30 Wave Hill, 4-1 North Esk, Marastani, 11-2 Noble Pet, 6-1 Tissisat, 7-1 Deevee.

1992: MAHSUL 4-8-1 W Carson (6-1) C Benstead 8 ran

FORM FOCUS

MARASTANI 2l 2nd of 9 to Pay Homage in handicap at Sandown (1m, good to firm) with TISSISAT (5lb better off) around 2½l 5th. WAVE HILL beat Sultan 1l in 10-runner handicap at Newbury (1m, good to firm). DEEVEE 3½l 2nd of 20 to Queen Warrior in handicap at Windsor (1m, good to soft). Earlier beat NORTH ESK (2lb better off) short-head in handicap at Brighton (1m, firm).
Selection: WAVE HILL

3.20 HAMPSHIRE HANDICAP (£6,187: 1m 4f) (6 runners)

1 (2) 2138-21 SOURCE OF LIGHT 8 (D,F,S) (K Abdulla) R Charlton 4-9-9(3ex) ... Pat Eddery 98
2 (1) 005-133 BADIE 33 (F,S) (H Al Maktoum) J Dunlop 4-9-7 ... W Carson 89
3 (3) 00-1113 NIGHT CLUBBING 20 (D,F,G,S) (Shaikh E Bin Mubarak) R Akehurst 4-9-1 A Munro 94
4 (4) 52/0356 SONG OF SIXPENCE 20 (C,D,F,G,S) (P Mellon) I Balding 9-8-9 ... L Dettori
5 (6) 31606-4 OPERA GHOST 12 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 7-8-6 ... Paul Eddery 94
6 (5) 420150- QUADRIREME 24J (D,G) (W Sturt) J Old 4-8-7 ... J Reid 88

Long Handicap: Quadrireme 7-13

BETTING: 5-4 Source Of Light, 4-1 Opera Ghost, 11-2 Night Clubbing, Quadrireme, 7-1 Badie, 8-1 Song Of Sixpence

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

SOURCE OF LIGHT beat Turgenev ½l in 16-runner handicap at Royal Ascot (1m 4f, soft). Previously 5l 2nd of 6 to Highland Dress in stakes race at Bath (1m 3f, firm) with BADIE (1lb worse off) ½l 3rd. NIGHT CLUBBING 4½l 3rd of 8 to Welsh Mill in handicap at Epsom (1m 4f, good) with SONG OF SIXPENCE (6lb better off) 9½l 6th. OPERA GHOST 5½l 4th of 10 to Usaidit in handicap at Sandown (1m 2f, good to soft).
Selection: OPERA GHOST (nap)

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wnrs	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
W Haggas	3	8	37.5	Miss J Allison	3	8	37.5
G Harwood	27	84	32.1	Pat Eddery	20	94	21.3
H Cecil	3	12	25.0	M Hills	9	50	18.0
M Pipe	3	12	25.0	W Carson	21	118	17.8
M Prescott	3	13	23.1	A Munro	11	62	17.7
P Cole	13	80	16.3	J Reid	18	133	13.5

3.50 VEUVE CLICQUOT CHAMPAGNE STAKES
(2-Y-O: £11,246: 6f 212yd) (4 runners)

1 (3) 13 GOVERNOR GEORGE 7 (S) (Lucayan Stud Ltd) R Hannon 8-12 ... L Dettori
2 (2) 1 VENTA DE POSSA 13 (D,G) (Robbaldo Ltd) P Kelleway 8-12 ... L Piggott 98
3 (4) BLAZE AWAY (P Mellon) I Balding 8-10 ... M Hills –
4 (1) 2 RIVER DEEP 57 (F Salman) P Cole 8-10 ... A Munro 91

BETTING: 11-10 Governor George, 7-4 River Deep, 4-1 Venta De Possa, 5-1 Blaze Away

1992: PERFECT HALO 9-7 A Munro (8-11 fav) P Cole 3 ran

FORM FOCUS

GOVERNOR GEORGE 6l 3rd of 7 to State Performer in a listed race at Ascot (6l, soft). VENTA DE POSSA beat Potentate ¾l in a 10-runner maiden at Sandown (7l, good). RIVER DEEP 3½l 2nd of 10 to Wajiba Riva in a conditions race at Ascot (5l, good). BLAZE AWAY (foaled Mar 15), by Polish Navy, dam 1m winner at 3 years.
Selection: GOVERNOR GEORGE

4.20 CARNARVON AMATEUR RIDERS CUP
(3-Y-O: £2,684: 1m 1f 209yd) (9 runners)

1 (8) 0-4661 BEAUMONT 12 (D,S) (Garth Thoroughbreds Ltd) J Pearce 10-10 ... Mrs L Pearce 98
2 (4) 210211 DUVEEN 20 (CD,G,S) (Mrs D Weatherby) M Bell 10-10 ... G Lewis 90
3 (5) 00-012 GENERAL MOUKTAR 3 (BF,D,G) (A Holtsall) M Pipe 10-10 ... Mrs M Cowdrey
4 (6) 36-2255 GRAND APPLAUSE 37 (M Lewin) R Simpson 10-10 ... Miss J Allison 90
5 (9) 333245 HALHAM TARN 47 (Lady Dundas) D Elsworth 10-10 ... Mrs D Arbuthnot 93
6 (1) 463-004 IRISH DOMINION 12 (D Tucker) D Tucker 10-10 ... Miss S Rowe (5) 82
7 (7) 0000-06 NIGHT EDITION 42 (R Hawthorn) S Dow 10-10 ... T Cuff 75
8 (3) 000-114 VELASCO 13 (BF,S) (G Sisuler) M Prescott 10-10 ... T Jenks 91
9 (2) 0-64040 CANDARELA 13 (T Stubbings) P Howling 10-5 ... Miss H Stubbings (5) 77

BETTING: 2-1 General Mouktar, 3-1 Duveen, 7-2 Beaumont, 6-1 Grand Applause, 8-1 Halham Tarn, Velasco, 16-1 Night Edition, Irish Dominion, 20-1 Candarela.

1992: MARCHMAN 7-11-0 Mrs L Pearce (5-1) J King 19 ran

FORM FOCUS

BEAUMONT beat Susquehanna Days 2½l in a 5-runner maiden at Nottingham (1m 2l, soft). DUVEEN beat Alyakh 1l in a 9-runner handicap at Goodwood (1m 2l, good). GENERAL MOUKTAR head 2nd of 8 to Euphonic in a handicap at Windsor (1m 3l, good). VELASCO under 3l 4th of 9 to Yunus Emre in a handicap at Southwell (AW, 7f).
Selection: GENERAL MOUKTAR

4.50 LONDON ENTERTAINS CONCIERGES FILLIES HANDICAP
(£3,054: 6f) (13 runners)

1 (2) 40350-5 TEANARCO 14 (C,D,F,G,S) (B Symonds) P Murphy 5-10-0 ... J Williams 90
2 (9) 032251 CHAMPAGNE GRANDY 12 (D,G,S) (Grandy Girls) M Channon 3-9-12 Pat Eddery
3 (3) 04-4040 LADY SABO 19 (B,D,F) (Cronk Racing Ltd) G Lewis 4-9-12 ... Paul Eddery 95
4 (10) 100-800 NEITHER NOR 16 (D,S) (T Riley-Smith) D Wilson 4-9-11 ... G Carter 95
5 (12) 0-03040 MY RUBY RING 10 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs M Wickham) D Laing 6-9-5 ... T Williams 96
6 (8) 2550-01 KARUKERA 24 (S) (A Smith) B Millman 3-9-1 ... L Dettori 98
7 (13) 0060- POYLE AMBER 225 (C Wiggers) M Blanchard 4-8-9 ... D Harrison (3) –
8 (5) 0300-00 FLYING WIND 49 (B) (K Higson) G Moore 4-8-9 ... B Rouse 94
9 (1) 0-00065 BONITA BEE 6 (V) (B Keay) L Holt 3-8-8 ... J Reid 93
10 (7) 000-065 SCARLET PRINCESS 24 (D,S) (D Phillips) R Hodges 5-8-8 ... A Munro 97
11 (11) 0-6010 FATHOM FIVE 19 (D,G) (K Ivyessipn) M Williams 4-8-5 ... R Price 98
12 (6) 45000- HULLO MARY DOLL 255 (E Dalby) S Mellor 4-8-1 ... N Adams 90
13 (4) 0/0600 PRINCESS JESSICA 10 (P Houlihan) P Butler 6-7-11 ... D McCabe (7) 85

BETTING: 3-1 Champagne Grandy, 9-2 Karukera, 6-1 Teanarco, 8-1 Lady Sabo, Neither Nor, 10-1 My Ruby Ring, Scarlet Princess, 12-1 Fathom Five, Bonita Bee 14-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

TEANARCO over 8l 5th of 18 to Prince Rooney in an amateurs handicap at Chepstow (7l, good to firm). CHAMPAGNE GRANDY beat Purbeck Centenary 1l in an 11-runner apprentices handicap at Sandown (5l, good to soft). MY RUBY RING just over 3l 4th of 15 to Blue Topaze in a Leicester handicap (6l, good to firm) on penultimate start, with LADY SABO (1lb worse off) over 5l 7th and FATHOM FIVE (same terms) 2l 11th. KARUKERA beat Cloudy Reef a neck in a 7-runner maiden at Chepstow (5l, soft).
Selection: KARUKERA

5.20 TISBURY STAKES (3-Y-O: £4,012: 6f 212yd) (10 runners)

1 (7) 2-1 ABSOLUTE MAGIC 27 (D,S) (Mrs B Bassett) W Haggas 9-0 ... M Hills 73
2 (5) 44-312 DRAMANICE 17 (BF,G) (W Farish III) Mrs J Cecil 9-0 ... L Piggott 91
3 (9) 413-64 FACTUAL 37 (F) (K Abdulla) B Hills 9-0 ... Pat Eddery 98
4 (2) 315 FEATHER FACE 41 (D,G) (J Mountain) M McCormack 9-0 ... A Munro 74
5 (10) 21320- GREEN'S BID 278 (G) (R Green) P Cole 9-0 ... W Carson
6 (6) 0-130 THUNDER RIVER 34 (D,F) (Mrs E Mitchell) M Heaton-Ellis 9-0 ... D Holland 96
7 (1) 141 WINGED VICTORY 48 (D,F,G) (P Mellon) I Balding 8-13 ... L Dettori 91
8 (4) 21-3 HEATHFIELD 12 (G) (Sir G Meyrick) P Cole 8-11 ... C Rutter 79
9 (3) 316-662 MAGIQUE ROND POINT 24 (D,G) (O Ishid) H Cecil 8-11 ... W Ryan 93
10 (8) 016- DISKETTE 287 (S) (M Obersiein) Lord Huntingdon 8-5 ... D Harrison (3) 70

BETTING: 11-4 Factual, 3-1 Magique Rond Point, 4-1 Winged Victory, 9-2 Dramanice, 5-1 Green's Bid, 10-1 Thunder River, Absolute Magic, 12-1 Diskette, Feather Face, 16-1 Heathfield.

1992: LADY DEBRA DARLEY 8-6 M Roberts (11-8 fav) R Hannon 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

ABSOLUTE MAGIC beat Class Attraction 2l in a 12-runner maiden at Warwick (7L, soft). DRAMANICE 2l 2nd of 5 to Palace Pageant in a conditions race at Nottingham (1m, good to firm). FACTUAL under 3l 4th of 5 to Half Term in a conditions race at Goodwood (6l, good to firm). GREEN'S BID ½l 2nd of 8 to Splendent in group II Scottish Equitable Gimcrack Stakes at York (6l, good to firm) on penultimate start. MAGIQUE ROND POINT neck 2nd of 6 to Polka Dancer in a listed race at Sandown (1m, good to firm).
Selection: GREEN'S BID

Gosden pulls top weight out of Plate

BRIER Creek was pulled out of Saturday's £100,000 Newcastle Brown Ale Northumberland Plate yesterday, causing a 10lb rise in the weights. The trainer, John Gosden, confirmed that his group-winning stayer would not run in the two-mile handicap under the welter burden of 10st 4lb.

Brier Creek, from the stable that produced last year's winner Witness Box, was originally set 9st 9lb for the race, but incurred an 8lb penalty for winning the Henry II Stakes at Sandown.

Connections believed the four-year-old would not have to carry the extra weight because the race conditions stated that 9st 10lb would be the highest weight.

With Brier Creek out of the race, the Luca Cumani-trained Duke Of Eurolink will now carry top weight of 9st 10lb. Cumani said: "I'm not happy that we now have to carry that much, but there has to be a top weight and he will definitely run."

The ground is now good at Newcastle and the trainer said: "The firmer the better for the horse as far as I'm concerned." Jason Weaver takes the mount on Duke Of Eurolink, runner-up to Welsh Mill at Epsom two weeks ago.

The weights rise will bring 13 horses, originally set weights of less than 7st 7lb, into the handicap proper.

Betting activity yesterday centred on Martin Pipe's Balasani who was backed down to 6-1 favourite from 8-1 with Corals. Ladbrokes cut him from 7-1 to 6-1 joint favourite with Not In Doubt.

Others to attract interest were Mary Reveley's Sarawat, down to 12-1 (from 16-1) with William Hill, and Barry Hills' Snow Board, 10-1 (from 14-1) with Ladbrokes.

CARLISLE

THUNDERER

2.00 Badger's Bend. 2.30 Magication. 3.00 Coconut Johnny. 3.30 Big Pat. 4.00 Daytona Beach. 4.30 Double The Stakes. 5.00 Laurel Queen.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.30 BIG PAT (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.00 HARPO'S SPECIAL.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.00 CUMREW SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,553: 5f 207yd) (13 runners)

1 0120 GRECIAN GARDEN 15 (D,F) A Hambly 8-13 ... O Pears (5) 9
2 04 HARPO'S SPECIAL 52 Mrs J Ramsden 8-11 ... K Fallon 1
3 0 OUT OF FAVOUR 12 M W Easterby 8-11 ... K Darley 5
4 4034 ROCKY TWO 22 B McMahon 8-11 ... A Mackay 13
5 00 SHARPISH WORDS 9 (B) W Haigh 8-11 ... Dean McKeown 7
6 0606 WINGS AHEAD 5 T Fairhurst 8-11 ... J Fanning 12
7 2 BADGER'S BEND 15 M Tompkins 8-6 ... P Robinson 6
8 52 CARAPELLE 40 M H Easterby 8-6 ... G Duffield 2
9 004 IRISH PERFORMER 8 M Camacho 8-6 ... N Connorton 11
10 05 SPRINGHEAD 10 M Hammond 8-6 ... J Marshall (7) 10
11 SUPER TIMES J Wilson 8-6 ... J Fortune 3
12 SUSELJA J Jefferson 8-6 ... S Whitworth 4
13 550 T O O MAMMA'S 24 J Berry 8-6 ... J Carroll 8

4-1 Irish Performer 6-1 Harpo's Special Carapelle. 13-2 Rocky Two, Badgers Bend. 7-1 Springhead. 10-1 Grecian Garden, 12-1 Too Mamma's, 20-1 others.

2.30 BBC RADIO CUMBRIA FILLIES CLAIMING STAKES (£2,579: 5f 207yd) (8)

1 -122 QUINSIGIMOND 5 (D,G) M Prescott 3-8-7 ... G Duffield 2
2 3004 GROGFRYN 5 J Berry 3-8-5 ... J Carroll 7
3 6000 GRUBBY 31 (G) R Hollinshead 4-8-3 ... M Humphries (7) 1
4 0251 MAGICATION 16 (D,F) J Balding 3-8-3 ... Claire Balding (7) 8
5 0336 MINSK 15 T Craig 7-8-3 ... Dean McKeown 5
6 0340 MANX MONARCH 16 K Hogg 3-7-11 ... A Garth (5) 4
7 0-80 CANAZEI 24 (V) Don Enrico Incisa 3-7-9 ... J Fanning 6
8 4-45 SAMANTHAS JOY 28 B McMahon 3-7-9 ... A Mackay 3

13-8 Quinsigimond. 9-2 Magication. Samanthas Joy. 6-1 Manx Monarch. 8-1 Grogfryn. 10-1 Minsk. 20-1 Grubby. 50-1 Canazei.

3.00 NORWEB SMART HEAT HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £2,950: 5f) (8)

1 1-00 IOLITE 22 (D,G) M Jarvis 9-7 ... P Robinson 6
2 3431 LIDA'S DELIGHT 15 (D,F) M W Easterby 9-3 ... T Lucas 1
3 -124 COCONUT JOHNNY 20 (D,BF,F,S) G Moore 9-1 ... J Fanning 7
4 3253 GUSSIE FINK-NOTTLE 9 (B) T Barron 9-1 ... K Darley 5
5 6314 KIMBOLTON KORKER 12 (D,G) J Balding 8-12 ... S Whitworth 2
6 2422 CLOUDY REEF 24 (BF) R Hollinshead 8-12 ... A Garth (5) 8
7 2134 MISS WHITTINGHAM 5 (BF,G,S) J Berry 8-10 ... J Carroll 4
8 6000 ANDRULA MOU 9 M W Easterby 8-3 ... L Charnock 3

4-1 Lida's Delight, 9-2 Miss Whittingham, 5-1 Coconut Johnny, Cloudy Reef, 11-2 Gussie-Fink-Nottle 6-1 Kimbolton Korker, 7-1 Iolite, 16-1 Andrula Mou

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: M Tompkins, 12 winners from 42 runners, 28.6%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 3 from 11, 27.3%; M Prescott, 10 from 40, 25.0%; M Johnston, 9 from 41, 22.0%; J Berry, 24 from 114, 21.1%.
JOCKEYS: P Robinson, 8 winners from 17 rides, 47.1%; T Lucas, 4 from 10, 40.0%; G Duffield, 20 from 104, 19.2%; Dean McKeown, 23 from 132, 17.4%; K Darley, 18 from 115, 15.7%.

3.30 UCB FILMS CUMBERLAND PLATE HANDICAP (£7,115: 1m 4f) (8)

1 1202 NORTHERN GRADUATE 24 (D,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-12 ... K Darley 6
2 1000 IN THE MONEY 9 (D,G) R Hollinshead 4-9-11 ... S Perks 3
3 1052 LEGION OF HONOUR 5 (D,F,G) M Naughton 5-9-5 ... V Halliday (7) 4
4 -131 BIG PAT 6 (D,F,G) J Pearce 4-9-5 (5ex) ... M Wigham 2
5 1301 KINOKO 20 (D,G,S) K Hogg 5-9-2 ... G Duffield 1
6 0322 FAIR FLYER 9 (D,F,G) M Johnston 4-8-12 ... Dean McKeown 5
7 -400 AMERICAN HERO 19 (C,F) R Allan 5-8-10 ... K Fallon 8
8 6163 ARGYLE CAVALIER 14 (S) F Lee 3-8-7 ... J Carroll 7

100-30 Big Pat. 4-1 Legion Of Honour. 5-1 Northern Graduate, Argyle Cavalier. 11-2 Fair Flyer. 8-1 Kinoko. 10-1 American Hero 14-1 In The Money

4.00 RAYOPHANE HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £3,390: 7f 214yd) (12)

1 -060 DAYTONA BEACH 40 (G) R Hollinshead 9-7 ... K Darley 2
2 00-0 DUKE OF BUDWORTH 22 M Tompkins 8-13 ... P Robinson 12
3 0212 MRS DAWSON 12 (D,F) A Hambly 8-12 ... O Pears (5) 8
4 000- TIME HONORED 267 M Prescott 8-12 ... G Duffield 9
5 -450 CANNY LAD 7 (V) J FitzGerald 8-6 ... K Fallon 7
6 600- STEAL A MARCH 281 M W Easterby 8-2 ... L Charnock 3
7 550 NICKNAME 38 Mrs J Ramsden 8-1 ... Darren Moffatt (5) 6
8 0-60 GUANHUMARA 15 (V) P Walwyn 8-0 ... A Mackay 10
9 0-P0 SIMPLY SUPERB 33 M W Easterby 8-0 ... C Munday (7) 5
10 4026 DESIRABLE MISS 8 (V,S) M Brittain 7-13 ... J Fanning 11
11 3232 PERSONIMUS 13 (B) J Wilson 7-10 ... N Carlisle 1
12 8000 FREDDIE JACK 10 (B) F Lee 7-9 ... N Kennedy (3) 4

3-1 Mrs Dawson. 100-30 Personimus. 5-1 Nickname. 7-1 Time Honored. 8-1 Steal A March. 10-1 Desirable Miss. 14-1 Guanhumara. 16-1 others.

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1 6204 SHALABIA 10 C Parker 4-11-7 ... Miss L Perratt 9
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3 100- LAZY RHYTHM 344 (B,S) J Eyre 7-10-13 ... Mrs C Hirst (5) 6
4 4350 DEAD CALM 13 (S) C Trotter 3-10-13 ... Miss Diana Jones 3
5 -325 MASTER OFTHE HOUSE 5 (BF) M Hammond 7-10-11 ... Mrs A Farrell 2
6 0-06 VERRO 40 (B,G,S) J Bennett 6-10-2 ... Miss A Purdy (5) 5
7 80-0 PAULINUS 15 D Smith 5-10-1 ... Miss M Carson (5) 4
8 -000 MURASIL 5 M Naughton 4-10-1 ... Miss P Robson 10
9 5046 DOUBLE THE STAKES 33 (B) F Lee 4-9-6 ... Miss J Winter 7
10 0-40 MARIAN EVANS 15 T Craig 6-9-0 ... Miss L Eaton 1

100-30 Shalabia. 5-1 Double The Stakes, Master Ofthe House, Lazy Rhythm 13-2 Heretical Miss. Dead Calm. 7-1 Verro. 14-1 others.

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1 0-16 MEDIA MESSENGER 19 (S) D Smith 4-9-7 ... K Fallon 3
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4 0060 NEVENTER 13 (B) M Chapman 4-9-1 ... D Nicholls 2
5 6000 MAMULEADER 7 (G) J Norton 4-9-0 ... C Hawksley (7) 1
6 44 MAYDAY CALLING 13 M Bell 3-8-3 ... M Fenton (3) 4
7 4211 GOODBYE MILLIE 20 (CD,F,G,S) S Norton 3-8-1 S Maloney (3) 8
8 5 TRANQUIL LADY 20 E Alston 3-8-1 ... J Quinn 7

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2.40 HOPEFUL SELLING STAKES
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1 0354 WESTRAY 87 Dr J Scargill 8-11 ... J Quinn 2
2 5130 MRS SNUGGS 5 (BF,S) M Tompkins 8-9 ... S Mulvey (7) 1
3 0005 WALSHAM WITCH 8 (F) C Smith 8-9 ... J Tate (5) 5
4 3540 PREMIER BLUES 5 (B) R Williams 8-6 ... D Biggs 4
5 04 SHE KNEW THE RULES 5 M Channon 8-6 ... T Quinn 3

13-8 Mrs Snuggs. 3-1 Westray. 4-1 She Knew The Rules. 9-2 Premier Blues. 8-1 Walsham Witch.

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2 2300 CRECHE 17 (B,C,G) Mrs N Macauley 4-9-9 ... E Husband (7) 5
3 2012 SANDMOOR DENIM 20 (CD,F,G) S Bowring 6-9-8 ... G Strange (7) 4
4 0-04 GLENFIELD GRETA 33 (F) P Felgate 5-9-7 ... F Norton 6
5 00-4 PICKLES 51 (D,G) R Lee 5-9-2 ... Dale Gibson 3
6 500- MINDOMICA 281 (D,G) W O'Gorman 4-9-1 ... Emma O'Gorman (3) 1
7 0-10 SUSANNA'S SECRET 28 (D,BF,F,S) S Norton 6-8-7 ... S Maloney (3) 9
8 -000 DANDY DESIRE 7 (B) B Morgan 4-8-6 ... G Bardwell 2
9 -034 WORKINGFORPEANUTS 17 C Smith 3-7-11 ... J Quinn 8

7-2 Susanna's Secret. 4-1 MCA Below The Line. 5-1 Sandmoor Denim. 6-1 Pickles. 13-2 Glenfield Greta. 7-1 Creche. 10-1 others.

3.40 MORGAN HANDICAP (£3,201: 6f) (7)

1 0021 MACS MAHARANEE 6 (D,F,G) P Felgate 6-9-11 (7ex) G Hind 5
2 5023 MISS GORGEOUS 5 (B,CD,G) W O Gorman 3-9-10 ... Emma O'Gorman (3) 7
3 0405 GONDO 13 (V,CD,F,G,S) E Alston 6-9-9 ... D Wright (7) 2
4 4031 RED FAN 5 (B,CD,G) J Watts 3-9-9 (7ex) ... M Birch 1
5 3665 HERSHEBAR 29 (B,CD,G) S Bowring 3-9-0 ... G Strange (7) 4
6 5000 WE'RE ALL GAME 40 (S) B Morgan 4-8-11 ... C Hodgson (5) 6
7 3534 LAST STRAW 24 (CD,G) A Jones 5-7-13 ... J Quinn 3

7-4 Macs Maharanee. 3-1 Red Fan. 5-1 Miss Gorgeous. 11-2 Hershebar. 8-1 Last Straw. 10-1 Gondo. 25-1 We're All Game

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1 -404 MONARDA 10 (F,G,S) P Cole 6-9-10 ... T Quinn 4
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3 -332 ANGELICA PARK 17 (F,G) J Wharton 7-8-10 ... M Birch 3
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11-8 Angelica Park. 9-2 Elite Reg. 5-1 Monarda. 6-1 Briggsmaid. 8-1 Media Star. 10-1 Saskia's Reprieve. 20-1 Bootikin.

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1 BARBAROJA Jimmy Fitzgerald 9-0 ... M Birch 4
2 DARREN BOY P Cole 9-0 ... T Quinn 6
3 04 JUST HARRY 12 M Ryan 9-0 ... D Biggs 2
4 30 STARSPORT 20 J Berry 9-0 ... J Weaver (3) 3
5 00 STRADISHALL 17 G Bravery 9-0 ... J Quinn 5
6 6323 ROSIE VALENTINE 10 (V) S Norton 8-9 ... G Hind 1

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No qualifiers. Only one turf Flat meeting has been completed

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S MEETINGS

Salisbury

Going: good (good to firm in places)

2.00 (5f) 1. JADE PET (J Reid, 15-2); 2. Robin Lake (L Dettori, 8-11 fav); 3. Alzianah (D Harrison, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 10 Minuit, 12 Natural Path (6th), 16 Margone's Memory (4th), Marjorie's Orchid, 20 It's So Easy, 25 China Robin, 33 Chilly Time (5th), 50 Wide Outside, Silver Supper. 18 ran. 1l, 1¼l, 1½l, 2l, 2l. R Hannon at Marlborough. Tote: £5.50; £1.50, £1.30, £1.90. DF: £4.10. CSF: £13.85.

2.30 (1m) 1. WILD STRAWBERRY (B Rouse, 20-1); 2. Sooty Tern (Mark Denaro, 9-2 fav); 3. Lord Oberon (R Cochrane, 7-1); 4. Dancing Beau (J Reid, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Prince Rodney (6th), 10 Roly Wallace, Elegant Touch, 11 Steepline Fantasy, By Arrangement, 12 Sareen Express, 14 Mexican Dancer, Navaresque, 16 Chandigarh (5th), 20 Safe Arrival, Aedean, 25 Ambassador Royale, 33 Maple Bay, 50 Absolutely Humming. 18 ran. Nk, nk, 2½l, 2l, 1¼l. M Campion at Findon. Tote: £28.20; £4.00, £1.70, £1.80, £2.80. DF: £120.90. Trio: £587. CSF: £107.85. Tricast: £664.25.

3.00 (5f) 1. BALIGAY (L Dettori, 25-1); 2. Ballasecret (J Reid, 8-1); 3. Sir Joey (J Williams, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav Fivesevenfiveo, 11-2 Very Dicey (5th), 13-2 Mister Jolson (4th), Aragrove, 7 Sellsabenging (6th), Paley Prince, 14 Bodari. 10 ran. Sh, 2¼l, 3l, ¾l, 2l. R Hodges at Somerton. Tote: £34.00; £5.80, £3.40, £3.70. DF: £72.00. CSF: £184.39. Tricast: £2,273.69.

3.30 (1m 4f) 1. AZHAR (W R Swinburn, 8-1); 2. Baron Ferdinand (R Cochrane, 11-4); 3. Raneen Alwatar (J Weaver, 15-2). ALSO RAN: 13-8 fav Fabulous Mtoto (6th), 8 Cromarty (4th), Jackpot Star (5th), 20 Devilry, Bay Queen. 8 ran. Nk, 10l, 3l, 6l, 3l. M Stoute at Newmarket. Tote: £8.40; £2.50, £1.80, £1.40. DF: £10.30. CSF: £29.66. Tricast: £156.23.

4.00 (7f) 1. LUGANO (Pat Eddery, 6-4 fav); 2. He Shall Reign (W Carson, 8-1); 3. Link Miles (J Reid, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 15-2 Primost, 10 Mr Mystical, Tswana (4th), 11 Risky Affair (5th), 14 Irongame, 20 Lucky Helen, 33 Milly's Pot, Aerial View, 50 Curbridge, Indian Castle, Silver Brief, Granby Bell (6th). 15 ran. 2l, 3½l, 2½l, 3l, ¾l. N Callaghan at Newmarket. Tote: £2.40; £1.10, £3.00, £3.00. DF: £8.80. CSF: £13.88. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

4.30 (1m 6f) 1. ALINOVA (W Ryan, 1-2 fav); 2. Pat Or Else (R Cochrane, 7-1); 3. Tasset (C Rutter, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Ritto (4th), 66 Meter Man (5th). 5 ran. 2l, 1¼l, 15l, ¾l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £3.20. DF: £3.10. CSF: £3.99.

5.00 (1m 1f 209yd) 1. WAR REQUIEM (J Williams, 7-1); 2. Riviere Actor (W Carson, 8-1); 3. Gesnera (N Adams, 16-1); 4. Concinnity (A Munro, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Pistols At Dawn, 6 Smart Daisy (5th), 9 Commanche Creek, 10 Desert Challenger, 12 Alterneera (6th), 16 Bronze Maquette, 33 Loose Zeus, Full Shilling, Wessex Warrior, Baulking Towers, Jolis Absent, Peggotty. 16 ran. NR: Ibsen, Smart Teacher. ¾l, 2½l, 1l, nk, 2l. G Balding at Whitcombe. Tote: £7.10; £1.30, £2.10, £2.80, £6.40. DF: £28.60. Trio: £503.80. CSF: £44.09. Tricast: £577.68.

Placepot: £122.60.

Carlisle

Going: good to firm

2.15 (5f 207yd) 1. FORTIS PAVIOR (A Culhane, 7-1); 2. Samson-Agonistes (S Sanders, 3-1 fav); 3. Obsidian Grey (O Pears, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Langtonian (6th), 10 Manx Monarch, 12 Hawayymyson (5th), Mislin, 14 Angels Answer (4th), 25 Minsk, 33 Press Onward, 50 Pretty Chic, 100 Wabwom, Not All Bliss. 13 ran. ¾l, 2½l, 1½l, ¾l, 4l. R Whitaker at Wetherby. Tote: £9.20; £2.10, £1.60, £1.50. DF: £10.70. CSF: £25.30.

2.45 (5f 207yd) 1. MASTER POKEY (P Johnson, 13-2); 2. Sakharov (G Duffield, 5-2 fav); 3. Invigilate (L Charnock, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Formidable Liz (4th), 7-2 Miss Aragon (6th), 14 Kick On Majestic, 20 Zinger, 25 Super Rocky, 33 Farndale (5th), 50 Miss Hostess, Acidosis. 11 ran. NR: Stale Flyer. Hd, 2½l, 1l, 2l, ¾l. M W Easterby at Sheriff Hutton. Tote: £8.10; £1.70, £1.40, £5.30. DF: £14.50. CSF: £21.01. Tricast: £273.52.

3.15 (6f 206yd) 1. DEBSY DO (O Pears, 9-1); 2. Causley (M Birch, 7-2); 3. Santiglia (J Marshall, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 3-1 jt-fav Graniton Bay (4th), Thornton Gate (6th), 14 Chantry Bellini (5th), 25 Costa Verde, 33 Valley of Time. 8 ran. ¾l, hd, 3l, ¾l, 1½l. S Norton at Barnsley. Tote: £9.20; £1.80, £1.50, £2.30. DF: £15.60. CSF: £38.17. Tricast: £172.33.

3.45 (7f 214yd) 1. QUEEN WARRIOR (D Wright, 9-2); 2. Who's Tef (S Maloney, 12-1); 3. Set The Fashion (Dean McKeown, 4-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Lawnswood Junior (6th), 7 Spanish Verdict (4th), 11 Quantity Surveyor, 12 Princess of Orange, Mohican Brave, 14 Cool Luke (5th), 16 Ringland, Hamadryad, 20 Scottish Park, 100 Mary Macblain. 13 ran. NR: Inverbel. ¾l, ½l, 1l, nk, nk. P Walwyn at Lambourn. Tote: £6.20; £2.40, £3.90, £1.80. DF: £36.00. CSF: £54.04. Tricast: £217.42.

4.15 (1m 4f) 1. AZUREUS (Mr S Swiers, 4-6 fav); 2. Mingus (Mrs M Cowdrey, 10-1); 3. Lord Advocate (Miss P Robson, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 5 The Karaoke King (5th), 6 Carlingford (6th), 20 Not Yet (4th), 33 Coxann, Heir of Excitement. 8 ran. 8l, 3l, 3l, 3l, 6l. Mrs M Reveley at Saltburn. Tote: £1.60; £1.20, £1.80, £3.10. DF: £6.50. CSF: £8.11.

4.45 (1m 6f 32yd) 1. FOLLINGWORTH GIRL (S Maloney, 8-11); 2. Wald (G Duffield, 5-4); 3. Share A Moment (S Perks, Evens fav). 3 ran. NR: Rosmanno Rosmanno. 1¼l, 7l. S Norton at Barnsley. Tote: £5.40. DF: £3.90. CSF: £15.40.

Placepot: £436.10

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Gloomy Sampras fails to win hearts on centre court

Simon Barnes sees a young champion burdened by fame and unable to stir even the most ardent of tennis lovers

Here some unshakable rules of life. The conversation behind you at a cocktail party is always more interesting than your own. The airport check-in queue you choose is always the slowest. The door of a telephone box is always in the fourth wall. And the match you choose to watch at Wimbledon fortnight is never as good as the one on the next door court.

This last rule cannot but help be true if you pick a match in which Pete Sampras is playing. Centre court rang with the applause of the multitude: but that was only what we could overhear from Number One. Over the wall, the No 8 seed, a 20-1 shot called Andre Agassi was packing 'em in, getting the highest ooh'n'ah count of the tournament so far.

But on centre court, we had the No 1 player in the world, the No 1 seed, matched against a hotshot young Australian player who was half-fancied for an upset. An ideal match for the audience, you'd have thought: but the audience left in their droves. The court was as empty as Wimbledon Centre Centre ever gets in mid-afternoon. It looked like a warehouse for storing green chairs.

Sampras said he liked playing on centre court because it was "nice and quiet". One suspects he finds most courts pretty quiet. For he does not ignite the hearts and minds of the public. He was involved in a battle of the wallopers yesterday, against Jamie Morgan, who reached the semis at Queen's the other week and beat Stefan Edberg on the way.

The first point against service, not counting a couple of double-faults, came in the seventh game. It was that sort of match. Sampras won it 6-4, 7-6, 6-4 and played well. He is looking good. But the odds on Sampras are actually lengthening: he started the tournament at 4-1 joint-favourite, and is now out at sevens: "No one is interested," said a Ladbrokes spokesman. "We can't lay a bet on the guy."

The public prejudice is not against big servers. It is against Sampras, and against the air of gloom he carries with him. He is one of those characters perpetually accompanied by a personal black cloud.

You would have thought he had all that was required to be dashing. In 1990, he won the US Open. He was 19, the youngest winner of that event, and he seemed all set to take the world by storm. Instead, he retreated into gloom: never a long journey for Sampras.

Surely no one in history has ever felt the burden of champion so keenly. He talked about the burden at length, whenever asked: he is a good talker, and an intelligent man.

But this burden business was too much for Jimmy Connors. Being champion is great, being champion is an honour: I break my donkey (I think that is how you translate the Connors expression "bust my ass") to be champion and Sampras is champion and he is actually *complaining*. Connors has many faults, but morbid sensitivity is not among them.

Sampras, however, has an introspective side, and feels things very keenly. He has laboured hard to become the most effective and the most consistent tournament player in the world, but with tennis players the rule is: by their grand slams ye shall know them.

And since that precocious win in New York, Sampras has failed to deliver a grand slam title. There is inevitably a question-mark against his courage on the biggest of big occasions: one he must erase if he is to move to the next level of attainment: from very good indeed to contemporary great.

Sampras plays without apparent joy. He has the most pronounced head-hang we have seen at Wimbledon since Ivan Lendl. They share the same grimness: they share the same grail. For Lendl, the Wimbledon title will be forever elusive: Sampras has his best chance to make the final this year.

But will anybody be there to watch? Sampras will have to do a fair bit to make himself loved here: perhaps, like Lendl he must spend a decade and half in a vain search for Wimbledon victory before Wimbledon loves him.

But one cannot blame him for failing to become a Wimbledon love-object. A novelist writes what he or she is: a tennis player can only play what he or she is. There is no other option. A player plays to win: the crowd can be entertained or not according to their whims.

Sampras faces a gloomy struggle with his nature and with his destiny. Perhaps in the final accounting that is more glorious than the seeking of cheap applause and easy love.

Sampras: introspective

Officials keep keen eye on fashion victims

AFTER Conchita Martinez's little brush with the fashion police on Tuesday, all supervisors and umpires have been advised to keep their eyes peeled for any player breaking the predominently-white rule. They are not alone. A squad of eagle-eyed men and women have been employed by the All England Club to survey who is wearing what and who is advertising what, the results of which will be reported back to the manufacturers and the club and possibly used in evidence.

One fashion that seems to have died a death without any help from officialdom is the wearing of cycling shorts worn under the tennis strides. Andre Agassi and Goran Ivanisevic have both abandoned their lycra. Martina Navratilova has led the movement the other way — shorts. She is not the first. Helen Jacobs began the trend in 1933 when she appeared in, according to the records, a pair of "man-tailored" bermudas.

DIARY

Famous face

As the new names of British tennis steal the headlines, Fred Perry, so long the benchmark for the great days of the domestic game, is finding celebrity status is not as lasting as it might be. He was refused admission to the press complex by one young woman security officer who had never heard of him.

Reading his All England club member's badge she felt that the name F J Perry was not good enough to get him into the media centre. He was eventually saved when a journalist explained to the blushing young lady that this 84-year-old gentleman was a three-times Wimbledon champion. Perry, of course, took it all in his stride and was full of admiration for the young lady's vigilance.

Foot-weary

English is obviously a problem for many of the American media representatives. When Steffi Graf was heckled during her match on Tuesday and accused of feigning her foot injury, the phone never stopped ringing at KBH, the public relations consultants for the All England Club.

New York Radio was first in the queue, demanding to know what obscenities had been hurled at the defending champion, a question bringing the curt response: "I don't know what constitutes an obscenity in the United States, but in England feet are not rude."

Quote of the day

Andre Agassi, on being asked why he had removed the hair on his stomach: "I guess it makes me more aerodynamic out there."

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Dancing cavalier: Leconte serves as he plays to the crowd and sees off the challenge of Prinosil yesterday

Clown prince holds court

BY ANDREW LONGMORE

MIME, pantomime and, from time to time, some sublime tennis. It could only be Henri Leconte, the Mr Bean of tennis, a mellower, less flamboyant figure than in his heyday, but still a good turn, wherever and whenever he plays. If only you could quote his face, as an American journalist once said.

Such is the hypnotic presence of the Frenchman, he could be scheduled to play in Wimbledon Park and people would still fall over themselves to watch him. Yesterday, he could be found on court 14, beneath the television boxes, which seemed appropriate enough. A little less of the playing to the gallery, a little more solid professionalism of the type peddled so laboriously by Pete Sampras or Jim Courier and Leconte might have fulfilled his prodigious talent by winning a grand slam or two. But he would not have been half as much fun nor attracted such a loyal and international following.

A full house endured two sets of Maggie Maleeva v Lori McNeil to ensure a seat yesterday and they gave their man a reception quite the equal of Bates's the previous day, proof that entertainment sells in any currency. Ion Tirisc, manager of Becker and Ivanisevic, even showed his face for a set, aware that Leconte might not have too many more years left in the game. "The fastest hands of any player I have ever seen," he said with a shake of his head.

As if to emphasise the fact that, at the venerable age of 30, he is trying to find more order in his life, he beat David Prinosil 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 yesterday to earn a third-round match against Aaron Krickstein. Prinosil is a Czech-born German, but more Volkswagen than Skoda in build. Over five sets, he might have outlasted Leconte, who has a dicky back and uncertain knees. In a sprint, he was a yard or two off the pace.

For a set at least, there was a sense of purpose about the Frenchman which was quite unbecoming. Aware that the chandelier-swinging athleticism of his youth might lead to permanent injury, he is more selective about his embellishments these days. An ironic cheer greeted an acrobatic smash in the second set, but he cannot keep a straight face for long any more than he can resist taking the most difficult option on court. "Sometimes I play shots even I don't understand," he said.

"Voila, *Simple*," he muttered to himself as a service forehand left Prinosil, not for the first time, grovelling on the volley. Of course, it was never that *simple*. Leconte could not brush his teeth without a flourish. He served for both the first two sets at 5-3 and dropped his serve both times, only to break back and take the set immediately after.

By the third set, Prinosil, ranked 88 in the world and playing his first Wimbledon, was beginning to come to terms with the surface and Leconte's concentration was starting to waver. He even resorted to his old knee-knocking routine as a couple of passes flashed perilously close to the lines.

Sensing some daylight as the clouds darkened, the German had four points to break for a 5-4 lead, but could only watch in bewilderment as Leconte, whose swinging left-hander's service had lost its bite, produced three service winners to order. Five minutes later and Leconte was heading for the locker-rooms.

> 'He cannot keep a straight face for long any more than he can resist taking the most difficult option on court'

It is asking a lot for Leconte to keep his body and mind together over the two weeks of a grand slam tournament, however much the public might want to see him back in the semi-final where he lost to Becker seven years, and three operations, ago.

"It's getting more and more difficult, especially today. I played yesterday and then today. Tomorrow, I get a rest, so it's perfect. But, anyway, I love to be here and everybody is happy to see me play, which helps me a lot."

Nor, in this age of the automaton, are there too many to take his place. "A lot of tennis players are too professional, I think, which is why so many people watch me play. That is a good reason for me to play as long as I can." In other words, come and see the show before the curtain falls for the last time.

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Men's singles

Winner £305,000

Runner-up £152,000

Holder: A Agassi (US)

First round

Late results on Tuesday

G Ivanisevic (Cro) bt J Stark (US), 6-4, 5-7, 5-7, 7-6, 6-4.
B Steven (NZ) bt M Gustafsson (Swe), 6-3, 6-7, 6-4, 2-6, 6-3.
A MEDVEDEV (Ukr) bt P Moreing (Ger), 6-7, 6-3, 6-4, 7-6.
R Matuszewski (US) bt C Adams (US), 7-6, 6-3, 4-6, 4-6, 9-7.

Second round

Yesterday

P SAMPRAS (US) bt J Morgan (Aus), 6-4, 7-6, 6-4.
B Black (Zim) bt P Kilderry (Aus), 7-5, 6-0, 6-3.
Olhovskiy (Russ) bt J Palmer (US), 7-6, 6-3, 6-3.
A L Foster (GB) bt L E Herrera (Mex), 6-4, 6-3, 6-4.
R KRAJICEK (Holl) bt J Eltingh (Holl), 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.
L Tieleman (It bt S Simian (Fr), 6-3, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4.
P Rafter (Aus) bt T Nelson (US), 7-6, 6-4, 6-2.
A AGASSI (US) bt J Cunha-Silva (Por), 5-7, 6-3, 6-2, 6-0.
J Hlasek (Swi) bt M R J Petchey (GB), 7-6, 4-6, 6-7, 6-2, 10-8.
H Leconte (Fr) bt D Prinosil (Ger), 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.
A Krickstein (US) bt M WASHINGTON (US), 6-7, 6-4, 6-0, 7-6.
P KORDA (Cz) bt B Gilbert (US), 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.
D Rostagno (US) bt M Ondruska (SA), 6-2, 2-6, 2-6, 6-4, 7-5.
C J Van Rensburg (SA) bt C M Maclagan (GB), 6-7, 6-4, 6-2, 6-2.

Men's doubles

Holders: P McEnroe (US) and M Stich (Ger)

First round

Late results on Tuesday

B Haygarth (SA) and J Pugh (US) bt A Radulescu (Ger) and M Stadling (Swe), 6-3, 6-3, 7-6.

Agassi: recovered after dropping first set

J L De Jager and M Ondruska (SA) bt T Nijssen and J Siemerink (Holl), 6-4, 6-2, 6-4.
W FERREIRA (SA) and M STICH (Ger) bt H Holm (Swe) and B O Pedersen (Nor), 6-1, 3-6, 7-5, 6-1.
K FLACH and R LEACH (US) bt S Davis (US) and J Palmer (US), 6-4, 6-4, 7-6.
T WOODBRIDGE and M WOODFORDE (Aus) bt M Bamard (SA) and S Groen (Holl), 7-6, 6-3, 6-1.
K Kinnear (US) and C Saceanu (Ger) bt S DEVRIES (US) and D MacPHERSON (Aus), 7-6, 6-7, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.
M Keil and D Randall (US) bt M Damm and K Novacek (Cz Rep), 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, 7-5.
H J Davids (Holl) and P Norval (SA) level with A L Foster (GB) and M R Petchey (GB), 6-7, 7-6, Match unfinished.

Yesterday

M KRATZMANN (Aus) and W MASUR (Aus) bt M Oosting (Holl) and U Riglewski (Ger), 6-3, 6-4, 7-6.
R Doppe (SA) and M Knowles (Bah) bt F Montana (US) and K Thorne (US), 6-3, 6-2, 6-7, 2-6, 6-3.
P Albano (Arg) and J Frana (Arg) bt J I Garat (Arg) and S Noszaly (Hun), 7-6, 6-2, 6-7, 6-3.
D Di Lucia (US) and B MacPhie (US) bt V Flegl (Cz) and T Zdrazila (Cz), 6-3, 6-3, 6-2.
G Ivanisevic (Cro) and M Rosset (Switz) bt R S Matheson (GB) and A L Richardson (GB), 6-4, 7-6, 6-3.
P T Hand (GB) and C Wilkinson (GB) bt L Pimek (Bel) and B Steven (NZ), 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.
L B JENSEN (US) and M JENSEN (US) bt C B Bailey (GB) and T H Henman (GB), 4-6, 7-6, 7-6, 6-3.
G CONNELL (Can) and P GALBRAITH (US) bt L J Bale (SA) and A Kratzmann (Aus), 7-5, 6-4, 6-3.
A Bostach (Fr) and O Delaitre (Fr) bt J Apell (Swe) and J Bjorkman (Swe), 4-6, 7-6, 7-6, 2-6, 7-5.
P McENROE (US) and J STARK (US) bt C Allgardh (Swe) and M Rush (Ven), 3-6, 7-6, 6-4, 3-6, 10-8.

Women's singles

Winner £275,000.

Runner-up £137,500

Holder: S Graf (Ger)

First round

Late results on Tuesday

A Wainwright (GB) bt C Kuhlman (US), 5-7, 6-4, 6-4.
M Oremans (Holl) bt K Quentrec (Fr), 6-4, 6-1.
L Field (Aus) bt B A Bowes (US), 6-3, 6-3.
K S Rinaldi (US) bt F Romano (It), 2-6, 6-2, 6-5.
M J FERNANDEZ (US) bt K Nagatsuka (Japan), 6-3, 6-0.
S Frankl (Ger) bt C D Wegink (Holl), 6-2, 4-6, 7-5.
N Zvereva (Belo) bt K MALEEVA (Bul), 7-5, 4-6, 6-3.
B Rittner (Ger) bt L Harvey-Wild (US), 6-0, 6-3.
L Davenport (US) bt V Martinek (Ger), 6-0, 4-6, 7-5.

Second round

Yesterday

S GRAF (Ger) bt C J Wood (GB), 6-2, 6-1.
H Kelesi (Can) bt R McQuillan (Aus), 7-6, 6-4.
M J McGrath (US) bt A Grossman (US), 6-4, 1-6, 6-3.
S C Stafford (US) bt A J COETZER (SA), 6-3, 6-2.
N Sawamatsu (Jap) bt M MALEEVA-FRAGNIERE (Switz), 6-3, 6-3.
L M Raymond (US) bt N J Arendt (US), 6-2, 6-3.
B Schultz (Hol) bt C Rubin (US), 4-6, 6-2, 6-2.

Sánchez Vicario: won in straight sets

A SÁNCHEZ VICARIO (Sp) bt L Neiland (Lat), 7-6, 6-0.
P A Fendick (US) bt S Wasserman (Bel), 6-1, 6-3.
E Brioukhovets (Ukr) bt N Provis (Aus), 7-5, 6-4.
H SUKOVA (Cz) bt S Farina (It), 6-4, 6-2.
M MALEEVA (Bul) bt L M McNeil (US), 7-6, 6-4.
Y Basuki (Indo) bt R M White (US), 7-5, 6-3.
C MARTINEZ (Sp) bt H W Wissner (Austria), 6-1, 4-6, 6-1.
P Paradis-Mangon (Fr) bt K Kroupova (Cz Rep), 6-0, 6-0.
J CAPRIATI (US) bt P D Smylie (Aus), 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Women's doubles

Holders: G Fernandez (US) and N Zvereva (Belo)

First round

Yesterday

S McCarthy (US) and K Po (US) bt J M Byrne (Aus) and N J Pratt (Aus), 2-6, 7-5, 6-2.
T A Price (SA) and D S Van Rensburg (SA) bt R Hiraki (Japan) and N Miyagi (Japan), 6-3, 6-7, 6-4.
M J FERNANDEZ (US) and Z L GARRISON-JACKSON (US) bt D J Jones (Aus) and E Sviglerova (Cz Rep), 6-2, 6-1.
M Oremans (Holl) and C M Vis (Holl) bt K M ADAMS (US) and M M BOLLEGRAF (Holl), 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.
L Gildemeister (Peru) and A Temesvari (Hun) bt F Li (China) and K Nagatsuka (Japan), 6-4, 6-2.

BBC1

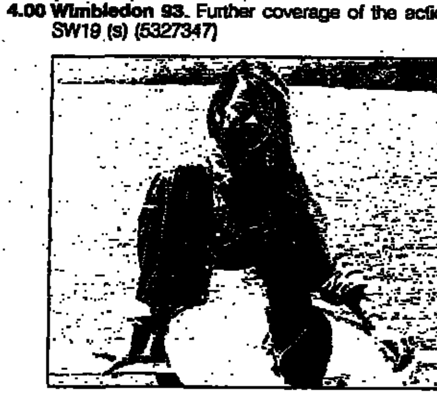
6.00 Business Breakfast (86163)
7.00 Breakfast News (70081637)
9.05 Morning Surgery. Includes news of new treatments for Alzheimer's disease. Plus, how gallstones can be avoided (s) (7080453) **9.20 Hot Chefs**: Clive Fretwell and John Dicken prepare fish dishes (s) (8575811) **9.45 Whatever Happened To . . ?** Angela Rippon looks at stories that were once headline news (s) (3676989)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8411057) **10.05 Playdays** (s) (7654569) **10.30 Stoppit and Tidyup** (r) (2778095) **10.35 A Summer Good Morning**. Highlights of the last eight months of *Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick*, presented by Will Hanrahan (s) (6925786)
11.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1095298) **11.05 Knots Landing** (r) (9984811) **11.50 Cartoon**. *Papa Gets the Bird* (4224927)
12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (4135255) **12.05 Rediscovery of the World**. Jacques Cousteau, in New Zealand, visits White Island, North Cap and Fjorland (4594892) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (72830095)
1.00 One O'Clock News with John Tusa. (Ceefax) Weather (39182) **1.30 Neighbours**. (Ceefax) (s) (83858908)
1.50 Wimbledon 93. Day four of the Championships (s) (39280540)
4.10 Bananaman (r) (1570540) **4.15 Watt on Earth**. The concluding part of the science fiction comedy thriller (r) (s) (2646540) **4.30 Uncle Jack and the Loch Noch Monster**. Episode three of the children's ecological drama (r). (Ceefax) (s) (2495453)
4.55 Newsround (4913322) **5.05 Blue Peter**. (Ceefax) (s) (8438057)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (483705). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax) Weather (279)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (231). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Top of the Pops (Ceefax) (s) (9250)
7.30 EastEnders (Ceefax) (s) (415)
8.00 Keeping Up Appearances. Richard approaches early retirement with trepidation when he learns that Hyacinth has lined up a number of projects for him to do. Starring Patricia Routledge and Clive Swift (r). (Ceefax) (s) (5298). **Wales:** Every Silver Lining
8.30 Every Silver Lining. Andrew Sachs and Frances de la Tour star in the gentle sitcom about a café-owning couple in London's East End. (Ceefax) (s) (4705). **Wales:** Time of My Life
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (2569)
9.30 Emergency Appeal on behalf of victims of the conflict in the former Yugoslavia (459415)

Volatile: Laurie and Noeline, seated (9.35pm)

9.35 Sylvania Waters. Documentary series following the lives of an unusual household living in an affluent Sydney suburb. (Ceefax) (s) (107415)
10.05 Today at Wimbledon (s) (341540)
11.05 Rita MacNeil in Concert (s). See Choice (346415). **Wales:** Crystals and Cats' Whiskers 11.35-12.25 Rita MacNeil in Concert
11.55 Weather (979182). Ends at **12.00**
3.00-4.45 BBC Select: RCN Nursing Update (30651) **3.45 Accountancy Television** (488125)

BBC2

6.45 Open University: General Relativity — An Isolated Fact (9094569) **7.10** Water by the Volume (3099219) **7.35** Materials: Engine Design (1641415)
8.00 Breakfast News (4120279)
8.15 Westminster. A round-up of yesterday's business in both Houses (6490076)
9.00 Yesterday at Wimbledon. Highlights from day three of the Championships, introduced by Harry Carpenter and Sue Barker (s) (21724)
10.00 Film: Lady for a Day (1933, b/w) starring Warren William and May Robson. Comedy, based on the Damon Runyon story *Madame La Gimp*, about Apple Annie, a seedy fruit seller from the wrong side of town who, through the good offices of two soft-hearted gangsters, becomes a wealthy socialite for a day. Directed by Frank Capra (11097057)
11.35 Holiday Outings. Jimmy Mulville is deep in the forests of Borneo with an Earthwatch conservation project working with orang-utans and apes (r) (4201076)
11.45 Noddy. Animation (s) (4292328) **11.55 Funnybones** (r) (8440724)
12.00 Wimbledon 93 presented by Desmond Lynam. The fourth day of the Championships. The commentating team is John Barrett, Mark Cox, Bill Threlfall, Barry Davies and David Mercer (s) (256960). Includes **News** (Ceefax) and weather at **2.00**
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (2761347) **3.05 Westminster Live**. Iain Macwhirter and John Cole introduce prime minister's questions (8851328) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (8862347)
4.00 Wimbledon 93. Further coverage of the action in SW19 (s) (5327347)



Sunny climes: presenter Carol Smillie (8.30pm)

8.30 The Travel Show. See Choice (1569)
9.00 A Bit of Fry and Laurie. The start of a repeat run of the comic duo's third series of sketches. With guests Kay Adshead, Morwenna Banks and Nicholas Parsons. (Ceefax) (s) (3811)
9.30 Under the Sun: Dreams from the Forest. (Ceefax) See Choice (183453)
10.20 10 x 10: Only the Names Have Been Changed to Protect the Animals. A film by Jim Doyle about a social services worker who meets a collection of strange people with even odder pets. With Chris Darwin, Tom Williamson and Alan Kilroe (r) (237415)
10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow (Ceefax) (192521)
11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine (s) (252637)
11.55 Weather (977724)
12.00 Jumpcuts. Howard Stableford previews the weekend's Open University programmes (9417038)
12.05am So You Want To Be A Better Manager? A look at training made available to managers by the Open University (1883816). Ends at **12.35**

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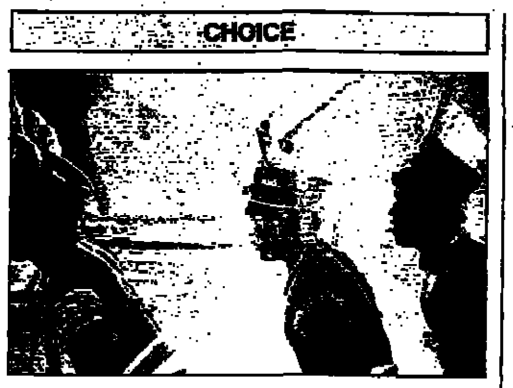


White man's disease: the Mehinacu (BBC2, 9.30pm)

Under the Sun: Dreams from the Forest
BBC2, 9.30pm

This sensitive documentary probes deeper than usual into the life of a tribe. The Mehinacu people live within the Xingu National Park in central Brazil. Protected by its boundaries, they find it possible to keep their culture outwardly intact, but as producer John-Paul Davidson discovers, it is not so easy to keep the white man out of their dreams and mythology. Chief Jaka explains that the Americans destroyed their spiritual view of the moon by saying that it was "just earth and forest like here". A wonderful storyteller, Jaka continues to wax lyrical on the perils of having sex with the lizard woman, but he is aware that the tribe faces other dangers. To dream of the white man is to dream of disease, he warns.

The Travel Show
BBC2, 8.30pm

Tonight sees the start of a new series of the holiday programme which aims to be critical as well as inspirational. Its best feature is the "Moan Line" through which viewers can complain about their holiday nightmares. Generally speaking, the presenters' own jaunts tend to be not that bad (though *the show's "independent traveller"*. Matthew Collins, has found himself eating worms and dingo on past assignments). Tonight he takes off to Alaska in search of grizzly bears, moose and wild-at-heart human inhabitants. Meanwhile Paddy Haycocks previews the new Tate Gallery in St Ives. Former model, Carol Smillie, seems to get the best deal, travelling to sunny Sicily, but even here there are drawbacks. Stomping about in a blizzard on top of Mount Etna is clearly not what she had in mind.

Rita MacNeil in Concert
BBC1, 11.05pm

"There isn't anything that you can't do", croons the 45-year-old Canadian *singer*, and she *should* know. A one-time cleaning lady, this refreshing performer came from nowhere to become one of Canada's most successful artists. The song which launched her career was "Working Man", a sensitive ballad about a miner, but it is probably her experiences as a working woman — cleaning and waitressing — that have helped her come up with so many well-observed songs about ordinary life. A huge figure in her billowing pink shirt, she is seen here in her home territory of Halifax, Nova Scotia, performing to a devoted audience.

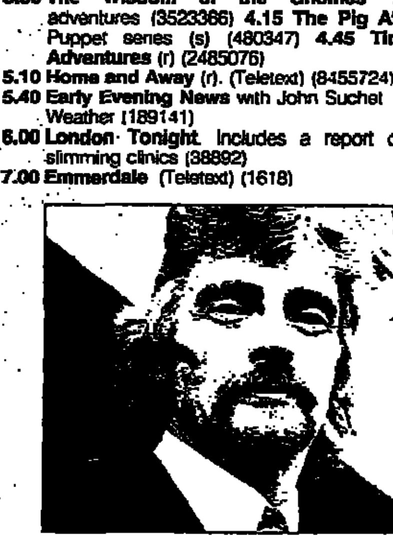
First Frame: Breath of Life
Channel 4, midnight

This harrowing drama won a Bafta Award for Best Short in 1992 and it is not difficult to see why. In the story of six prisoners of conscience locked up in a cell together, producer and director Navin Thapar has managed to convey the desperation of men for whom hysterical laughter comes as easily as tears. Loosely based on the true story of an Iranian writer now living in exile in England, *Breath of Life* traces what happens when the prisoners decide to steal a cigarette from a guard. It is simply an act of reckless defiance for they do not even have any matches, but it allows them to share a dream of freedom which has them partying in their cell. Tragically, it is a transgression which will not go unpunished.

Stephanie Billen

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV. The guests include Beverly Craven and Joe Longthorne (6764188)
9.25 Talkabout. Comedy quiz game (8550502) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7630989)
10.00 Out of this World (r) (s) (94521)
10.30 This Morning Weekday magazine (32870076)
12.10 The Riddlers. Puppet series (r) (5118144)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Carol Barnes. (Teletext) (1182892) **1.05 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (78224304)
1.15 Home and Away Australian family drama serial (Teletext) (871540) **1.45 A Country Practice**. Medical drama (s) (870811)
2.15 House Style. Dilly Barlow and Alistair Macdonald with more home refurbishment ideas (862892)
2.45 Take the High Road. Drama series (2298434)
3.10 ITN News headlines (2772453) **3.15 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2771724) **3.20 The Young Doctors** (7851960)
3.50 The Wisdom of the Gnomes Animated adventures (3523366) **4.15 The Pig Attraction**. Puppet series (s) (480347) **4.45 Tiny Toon Adventures** (r) (2485076)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (8455724)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet (Teletext) Weather (189141)
6.00 London Tonight. Includes a report on rip-off slimming clinics (38892)
7.00 Emmerdale (Teletext) (1618)

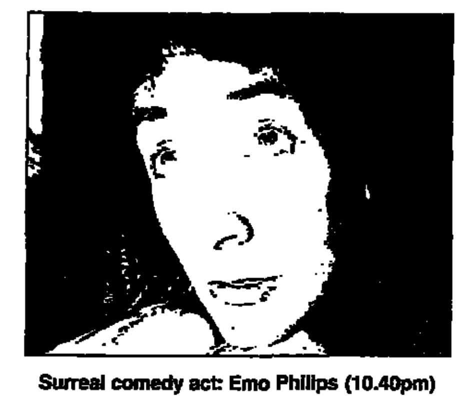


Pawnbroking business: Eddie Ford (7.30pm)

7.30 3D. Three current affairs stories, introduced by Julia Somerville, including one about Eddie Ford, a successful businessman, now taking the pawnbroking business upmarket (s) (811)
8.00 The Bill: Insider Dealings. DS Pearce and DC Carver fortuitously discover a method of smuggling drugs into prison. (Teletext) (3386)
8.30 Up the Garden Path. Comedy series starring Imelda Staunton as a schoolteacher in a frustrating search for true love (Teletext) (s) (9873)
9.00 Telltale. The final episode of the three-part crime thriller set in Wales, starring Bernard Hill and Nigel Harrison. (Teletext) (s) (8231)
10.00 News at Ten with Julia Somerville. (Teletext) Weather (10908) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (950637)
10.40 Big City. Arts and entertainments magazine for the south-east (s) (457960)
11.15 A Kick in the Ballots Last in the two-programme general knowledge quiz show between two teams of MPs from opposites ends of the political spectrum. David Mellor, Jerry Hayes and Teresa Gorman take on Neil Kinnock, Tony Banks and Kate Hoey. Charles Kennedy is in the chair (s) (749502)
11.45 Film: Pressure Point (1977) starring David Janssen. Police drama about the private and professional life of an officer with 20 years service, now a Watch Commander. Directed by Jerry London (209219)
1.35am Hollywood Report (s) (7279361)
2.00 Donahue. The guests are a group of Christians who want Donahue's show banned (99187)
3.00 Quiz Night. Pub and club competition (32019)
3.30 America's Top Ten (r) (s) (69212)
4.00 Entertainment UK. Leisure guide (r) (s) (18361)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (11038)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman (26309)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 I Love Lucy (b/w). Classic Lucille Ball comedy series (50366) **6.45 Spiff and Hercules** Quarrelling cat and dog cartoon (2248502)
7.00 The Big Breakfast (29705)
9.00 You Bet Your Life Game show (s) (97057)
9.30 Schools (507811)
12.00 The Parliament Programme Anne Perkins with a round-up of business in both Houses (30291)
12.30 Sesame Street Entertaining early-learning series The guest is Harry Belafonte (r) (56989)
1.30 Take 5 Cartoons (27786)
2.00 Film: They Were Not Divided (1950, b/w) starring Edward Underdown, Ralph Clanton and Michael Brennan. Documentary-style second world war drama, awash with sentiment, about the experiences of three men, an Englishman, an American and an Irishman who enlist in the Welsh Guards and become firm friends. Directed by Terence Young (543750)
3.50 Magoo Breaks Par. The myopic hero tries to play golf (r) (7330892)
3.55 Miracle at Tendaho. A *Survival* documentary about the wildlife of the Danakil desert region of Ethiopia where, 60 years ago, no travellers would enter for fear of being slaughtered by the local tribe (r) (Teletext) (3135453)
4.30 Fifteen To One General knowledge quiz game presented by William G Stewart (Teletext) (s) (724)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The guests are a 38-year-old woman who married her 19-year-old daughter's boyfriend of the same age (Teletext) (s) (2209809)
5.50 The Magic Roundabout. Children's entertainment narrated by Nigel Planer (543927)
6.00 Desmond's Comedy series set in a Peckham, south London, barber's (r). (Teletext) (s) (989)
6.30 A Different World American comedy (s) (569)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Shahnaz Pakravan (Teletext) Weather (402502)
7.50 Comment. Dr Marek Koperski criticises health secretary Virginia Bottomley's plans to reform London's health service (456750)
8.00 Moments of Crisis Series in which Mavis Nicholson talks to people whose lives have been changed traumatically by one moment of crisis This week's guest is Danny Hearne, an England rugby union international who broke his neck in 1967 in a game against the All Blacks (Teletext) (8908)
8.30 The Crystal Maze Six more people tackle the fantasy game (s) (4781637)
9.35 Camera of Courage: True Stories — Unfinished Business. The season of programmes about the late Latvian director Juris Podnieks continues with this film, completed by his crew after his death, looking at three countries, Latvia, Georgia and Russia, from the vantage point of the Trans-Siberian Express (s) (7820057)



Surreal comedy act: Emo Philips (10.40pm)

10.40 Emo Philips — Comedian and Mammal. The American comedian in a one-man show (r) (183873)
11.25 The Jazz Package (b/w). The final programme features Fats Waller, the Mills Brothers and Peggy Lee (346540)
12.00 First Frame: Breath of Life. See Choice (16922)
12.30am Trial and Error. A repeat of yesterday's programme about a possible miscarriage of justice (7030039) Ends at **1.35**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 5.10-5.40 Blockbusters (8455724) **6.00** Home and Away (882328) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (731231) **10.40** Go Fishing (418960) **11.10** Wideangle (395786) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (606434) **12.35** Wrestling (3929903) **1.15** America's Top Ten (75293) **1.45** Film: The Sandwich Man (817816) **3.30** Stage 2 (96125) **4.30** Rivera (33748) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (11038)

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As London except: 2.45-3.10 Magic Wok (2298434) **3.20-3.50** GP (7851960) **6.00** Lookaround (347) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (927) **10.40** Talking Pictures (418960) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (352076) **12.05** IndyCar 93 (1803670) **12.35** Wrestling (7002729) **1.15** America's Top Ten (1534583) **1.45** Film: The Sandwich Man (817186) **3.30** Stage 2 (96125) **4.30** Rivera (78485895) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (1623699).

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (871540) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (870811) **3.20-3.50** Shortland Street (7851960) **5.10-5.40** Gardening Time (8455724) **6.00** Home and Away (882328) **6.25-7.00** Central News (890347) **10.40** Central Lobby (418960) **11.10** Married ...with Children (395786) **11.40** Sledge Hammer (191182) **12.10** Hollywood Report (1802941) **12.40** The Little Picture Show (9012477) **1.40** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (7635962) **2.10** America's Top Ten (2832552) **2.40** Raw Power (3598903) **3.40** Quiz Night: Pub and club competition (57596477) **4.10** Jobfinder (7058274) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (5497274)

GRANADA
As London except: 1.15 A Country Practice (817540) **1.45-2.15** Home and Away (870811) **3.20-3.50** Blockbusters (7851960) **5.10-5.40** The Munsters Today (8455724) **6.00** Home and Away (347) **6.30-7.00** Granada Tonight (769163) **10.40** Families (208521) **11.35** Prisoner: Cell Block H (9517886) **12.35** Wrestling (3929903) **1.15** America's Top Ten (75293) **1.45** Film: The Sandwich Man (Michael Bentine, Dora Bryan, Suzy Kendall) (817816) **3.30** Stage 2 (96125) **4.30-4.55** Rivera (78485895) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (1623699)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Blockbusters (870811) **6.00** HTV News (347) **6.30-7.00** The Good Neighbour Show (927) **10.40** The West This Week (185231) **11.25** HTV Weekend Outlook (205724) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (606434) **12.35** Wrestling (3929903) **1.15** America's Top Ten (75293) **1.45** Film: The Sandwich Man (817816) **3.30** Stage 2 (96125) **4.30** Rivera (78485895). **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (1623699)

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 6.00 Wales at Six **6.30-7.00** The Really Helpful Programme **10.40** Living Proof **11.10** Weekend Ahead! **11.25** Wales and Westminster **11.55-12.35** Prisoner: Cell Block H

MERIDIAN
As London except: 6.00 Meridian Tonight (347) **6.30-7.00** Grass Roots (927) **10.40** The Pier (457960) **11.20** Prisoner: Cell Block H (341960) **12.15-1.35** War of the Worlds

TYNE TEES
As London except: 5.55 Tyne Tees Today (485415) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (927) **10.40** East Coast Mainline (185231) **11.25** Prisoner: Cell Block H (340231) **12.20** Film: The Deadly Force (397941) **2.05** America's Top Ten (1482011) **2.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (9140496) **3.05** Film: Passport to Shame (204274) **4.40-5.30** Jobfinder (4905019)

ULSTER
As London except: 3.20-3.50 Blockbusters (7851960) **6.00-7.00** UTV Live at Six (38892) **10.40** An Ear to the Ground (418960) **11.10** RPM Motorsport (361724) **12.00** Coach (2923787) **12.35** Wrestling (3929903) **1.15** America's Top Ten (75293) **1.45** Film: The Sandwich Man (817186) **3.30** Stage 2 (96125) **4.30** Rivera (78485895) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (1623699)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 1.45-2.15 Blockbusters (870811) **3.20-3.50** A Country Practice (7851960) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (38892) **10.40** Ambulance (418960) **11.10** Prisoner: Cell Block H (352076) **12.10** Alfred Hitchcock Presents (3303105) **12.35** Wrestling (3929903) **1.15** America's Top Ten (75293) **1.45** Film: The Sandwich Man (817816) **3.30** Stage 2 (96125) **4.30** Riviera

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 5.55 Calendar (485415) **6.30-7.00** Blockbusters (927) **10.40** Edit V (185231) **11.25** Prisoner: Cell Block H (340231) **12.20** Film: The Deadly Force (397941) **2.05** America's Top Ten (1482011) **2.35** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema

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Starts: 9.00 You Bet Your Life (97057) **9.30** Ysgolion (507811) **12.00** The Parliament Programme (30291) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (28415) **1.00** Sesame Street (56298) **2.00** The Proud and Profane (543750) **3.50** Ar Post (8857415) **4.00** The Christians (9095) **5.00** Fifteen to One (2724) **5.30** The Next Big Thing (796) **6.00** Newyddion (268366) **6.10** Heno (851434) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (2960) **7.30** Margaret (91322) **8.30** Newyddion (914231) **8.55** Minafon (441368) **9.45** The Long Summer (766279) **10.15** Women and Men — 2 (805989) **11.50** Moments of Crisis (196637) **12.20-12.5** Surgical Spirit

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am The DJ Kat Show (67681083) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-Long (4835250) **9.10** Cartoons (2860989) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (80279) **10.00** Card Sharks (7890502) **10.25** Concentration (7548279) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (1387892) **11.00** The Bold and the Beautiful (82163) **11.30** Falcon Crest (62927) **12.30pm** E Street (84095) **1.00** Another World (9934540) **1.45** Three's Company (401705) **2.15** Sally Jessy Raphael (163328) **3.15** Different Strokes (422286) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (8699960) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (3331) **6.00** Games World (7163) **6.30** E Street (8415) **7.00** Rescue (1250) **7.30** Full House (7927) **8.00** Eddie Dodd (15989) **9.00** Chances (28453) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (21540) **11.00-12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (56873)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (54076) **6.30** News and Business Report (170076) **9.30** Nightline (68811) **10.30** Beyond 2000 (24989) **11.30** International Business Report (60569) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (28705) **1.30** Good Morning America (29434) **2.30** Parliament Live (1625502) **3.15** Parliament Live (6133892) **4.30** News and Business Report (7540) **5.00** Live at Five (34873) **6.30** News and Business Report (83279) **7.30** *Financial Times* Reports (5569) **10.30** Nightline (72182) **11.30** ABC News (35163) **12.30am** *Financial Times* Reports (62835) **1.30** ABC News (31748) **2.30** Beyond 2000 (61038) **3.30** ABC News (66583) **4.30** *Financial Times* Reports (71800) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (57293)

SKY MOVIES PLUS
6.00am Showcase (8758298)
10.00 Born to Ride (1991) John Stamos trains the cavalry to ride motorcycles (88811)
12.00 Butterflies Are Free (1972) A blind boy, Edward Albert, falls in love (54927)
2.00pm Run Wild, Run Free (1969) A mute boy befriends a white colt (12892)
4.00 Some Kind of a Nut (1969). Dick Van Dyke's beard causes a furore (5453)
6.00 Born to Ride (as 10am) (11148)
8.00 Whatever Happened to Baby Jane? (1991) Vanessa and Lynn Redgrave quarrel about the sale of their house (58683)
10.00 Tales from the Darkside: The Movie (1990). Three horror stories (440076)
11.35 Out on Bail (1990) Robert Ginty is asked to murder a civil rights activist in exchange for his freedom (218724)
1.20am Graffiti Bridge (1990) Prince's rock musical (744496)

3.00 A Kiss Before Dying (1991) Sean Young marries killer Matt Dillon (69458)
4.30 Death of a Schoolboy (1991): Drama about the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand (72583) Ends at **6.00**

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm The Lady from Shanghai (1948, b/w): Starring Rita Hayworth (90618)
8.00 American Graffiti (1973) Four teenagers spend their last evening together before going their separate ways (95163)
10.00 The Fortune (1975): Warren Beatty and Jack Nicholson kidnap heiress Stockard Channing (358521). Ends at **11.40**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.20am The Pleasure of His Company (1961) Aging playboy Fred Astaire becomes involved in the wedding plans of daughter Debbie Reynolds (95461279)
8.25 Felix the Cat — The Movie (1990). Cartoon fun (88793415)
10.00 Is Paris Burning? (1966) Documentary-style drama about the Allied liberation of Paris With Jean-Paul Belmondo (46396415)
12.45pm The Party (1968): Peter Sellers plays an Indian doctor (80160521)
2.30 The Incredible Shrinking Woman (1981): Starring Lily Tomlin (44437989)
4.10 Felix the Cat — The Movie (as 8.25am) (8098434)
5.40 Which Way Home (1991): Cybill Shepherd smuggles orphans out of Cambodia (22969960)
8.00 True Identity (1991) Lenny Henry disguises himself as a white man (58665)
10.00 Alice (1990) Mia Farrow stars in Woody Allen's romantic comedy (545960)
11.50 False Identity (1990) Genevieve Bujold helps amnesiac Stacy Keach to retrace his past (297231)
1.35am Skidoo (1968): Gangster comedy with Jackie Gleason (795831)
3.15 The Ten Million Dollar Getaway (1991) Drama about the mid-1970s heist at Kennedy Airport (842458)
4.50 The Incredible Shrinking Woman (as 2.30pm) (7102496) Ends at **6.00**

SKY SPORTS
6.30am Prime Bodies (65057) **7.00** Watersports (93540) **8.00** National Sprint Championship (65499) **9.00** Prime Bodies (45601) **9.30** Drag Racing (30873) **10.00** Wimbledon News (6769057) **10.05** Rugby Union Super Ten (16263076) **12.00** The Footballers' Football Show (53724) **1.00pm** Golf, French Open (4970304) **5.00** Team Pool (2521) **6.00** All-American Wrestling (59908) **7.00** British Motorsport (64279) **8.00** Ford Ladies' Golf Classic (73927) **9.00** Wimbledon News (310927) **9.05** Rugby Union Super Ten (94516540) **11.00-3.00am** Golf French Open (9646873)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (24298) **8.00** Golf (96637) **9.00** Eurofun (38927) **9.30** Triathlon (65569) **10.00** Snooker (13182) **11.00** Le Mans 24-Hours Race (77778) **12.00** Football Argentina v Columbia (94569) **2.00pm** Basketball France v Bulgaria (75434) **3.00** Basketball Spain v Russia (67786) **4.30** Triathlon (3368) **5.00** Mountain Biking (8182) **5.30** News (4618) **6.00** Basketball (96881) **7.30** Football Argentina v Columbia (62298) **9.00** Football 1994 World Cup Qualifiers (48231) **10.00** Basketball (94618) **11.30-1.30am** Football Chile v Peru (95347)

UK GOLD
7.00am The Raccoons (3863540) **7.30** Neighbours (3859347) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (4908705) **8.30** EastEnders (4907076) **9.00** The Bill (4998328) **9.30** The Onedin Line (9938250) **10.30** Juliet Bravo (1024705) **11.30** Happy Ever After (3408255) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (4901892) **12.30pm** Neighbours (6834163) **1.00** EastEnders (3862611) **1.30** The Bill (6833434) **2.00** 'Allo 'Allo! (4611637) **2.30** Three Up Two Down (7333811) **3.00** Dallas (9806291) **4.00** Dynasty (1874148) **5.00** Blankety Blank (4602989) **5.30** Give Us a Clue (7344927) **6.00** Neighbours (7334540) **6.30** The Onedin Line (6968434) **7.30** 'Allo 'Allo! (7321076) **8.00** EastEnders (4691873) **8.30** Three Up Two Down (4610908) **9.00** Juliet Bravo (8459057) **10.00** The Bill (4902521) **10.30** Carrott's Lib (1848892) **11.30** Dr Who (2276076) **12.00** Film: Don't Just Lie There, Say Something! (1973) starring Leslie Phillips (1185748) **1.35-2.00** Video Bites (85762903)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Jack in the Box (91057) **7.00** Ratkan II (80453) **9.00** Jack in the Box (30960) **11.00** Stories Without Words (62347) **11.30** Sav Ahhh! (60521) **1.00pm** Jack in the Box (79786) **2.00** Stories Without Words (9076) **2.30** Sav Ahhh! (1960) **3.00** Babar (1811) **3.30** Ratkan II (33304) **5.00** Pugwall's Summer (9168) **5.30** Saved by the Bell (2076) **6.00-7.00** Fame (82250)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Can You Really Dissolve a Human Body in Acid? **6.55** Weather
7.00 *On Air* Andrew Lyle presents music, news, weather and arts news. Including Tortelier (Valse alla Maud) Ravel (Valses nobles et sentimentales). Haydn (Symphony No 89 in F): Beethoven (Cello Sonata in A, Op 69)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Jonathan Harvey talks about composing for a specific group of musicians such as a string quartet or a choir. String Quartet No 2 (Arditti Quartet); From Silence. Resurrection (Worcester Cathedral Choir, Adrian Partington, organ)
10.10 Morning Sequence: Orpheus Chamber Ensemble performs Rossini (Overture, Il Barbiere di Siviglia). Schubert (Sonatina in A minor, D385): Erwin Schulhoff (Divertissement). Bach (French Suite No 5 in G); Villa-Lobos (Trio). Beethoven (Violin Sonata in A, Op 12 No 2). Bartok (Romanian Folk Dances)
12.00 Guildhall String Ensemble under Robert Salter performs Handel (Concerto grosso in D, Op 6 No 5): C.P.E. Bach (Symphony in B flat, Wq182 No 2) John Woolrich (It is Midnight, Dr Schweitzer) Stravinsky (Concerto in D) (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 Saar Radio Symphony Orchestra under Marcello Viotti performs Pfitzner (Palestrina Prelude to Act 1) Schumann (Cello Concerto in A minor Mischa Maisky). Hindemith (Symphony, Mathis der Maler)
2.15 The Last Bachs London Baroque performs J.C.F. Bach (Trio Sonata in F). W.F.E. Bach (Andante, Sonata in F, Op 1 No 5). C.P.E. Bach (Trio Sonata in B flat). W.F.E. Bach (Trio in E flat)
2.55 Violin and Piano Lorraine McAslan, violin, Nigel Clayton, piano, perform Poulenc (Violin Sonata). Tchaikovsky (Souvenir d'un lieu cher, Op 42). Szymanowski (Violin Sonata, Op 9)
3.55 BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra under Feodor Glushchenko performs Glinka (Overture, A Life for the Tsar): Rachmaninov (The Rock, Op 7): Sibelius (Symphony No 1 in E minor)
5.00 *In Tune*: Edward Greenfield's guest is the harpsichord player Bob van Asperen
7.30 Spirit of the Earth: From last year's festival, the ensemble *Bhakti Bhajan Marga* from south India performs temple music and Bhajan songs associated with the ceremony of the lamp
8.45 Three Cruel Tales. Who Knows? Ian Holm reads the last of three stories by Guy de Maupassant (r)
9.10 Early and Late: See Choice
10.15 Groovin' High (r). See Choice
10.45 Night Waves: The arts programme reviews *A Life on the Left*, a new biography of Howard Laski
11.30 Settings of Walt Whitman: Delius (Idyll: Felicity Lott, soprano. Thomas Allen baritone: Royal Philharmonic Orchestra under Eric Fenby): Vaughan Williams (Three Poems of Walt Whitman. Ian Partridge, tenor. Jennifer Partridge, piano); Delius (Sea Drift. Bruce Boyce, baritone. BBC Chorus; Royal Philharmonic Orchestra under Thomas Beecham)
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.25 Night School (except in Scotland: as Radio 5 at 9am)

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** New Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day with Ruth Robinson **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.45** Thought for the Day with *Canon Eric James* **8.40** Yesterday in Parliament **8.58**. Weather **9.00 News**
9.05 Face the Facts, with John Waite (r)
9.30 Ad Lib: Robert Robinson talks to social workers in Newcastle
10.00-10.30 The House (FM only): Second of a six-part adaptation of Christopher Lee's political drama. With Julian Glover, Peter Kelly and Isla Blair
10.00 News; An Act of Worship (LW only)
10.15 The Bible (LW only): The Third Book of Moses — Leviticus. Introduced by Professor Keith Ward. Bernard Hill reads the first of five parts
10.30 Woman's Hour traces the history of cinema-going; asks why handsome princes turn into frogs; and looks at women's tennis. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Out of Order Patrick Hannan chairs the light-hearted test of political knowledge **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One, with James Naughtie
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping
2.00 News; Made in Heaven, by Julia Stoneham Gossip and speculation begins to grow about newly-weds Jack and Hettie. With Rachel Lewis and Dominic Taylor. The story-teller is Barbara Jefford
3.00-4.00 Bus Stop (FM only): Jenni Mills and Andrew Jenning tour Britain in search of controversy
3.00 Prime Minister's Questions (LW only) **4.00 News**
4.05 Kaleidoscope looks at the collected diaries of Kenneth Williams; and previews Andrew Lloyd Webber's new musical, *Sunset Boulevard*
4.45 Short Story: Venetian Perspective, by Janet Flanner. Read by Carole Boyd
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The Nick Revell Show: Health and Fitness. Starring Nick Revell, Alistair McGowan and Doon Mackichan
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Radio Lives: Robert Burchfield, Philip French, Helen Fry, Anthony Jay and Brian Redhead remember the literary critic Marghanita Laski. Presented by David Wheeler
8.00 Analysis: More Equal Than Others? David Walker examines the motives behind equal opportunities and what the policies mean in practice
8.45 Does He Take Sugar? Presented by Ted Harrison. For listeners with disabilities
9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Roger White **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight, with Richard Kershaw
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Jericho. Dirk Bogarde reads the first of a 12-part adaptation of his novel, set in Provence
11.00 Two Way Cut: Third of a four-part dramatisation by Stephen Mulrine of Peter Turnbull's novel. With Jake D'Arcy
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW only)

CHOICE

Early and Late. *Radio 3, 9.10pm*.
The "Jupiter" Symphony, played tonight by the Camerata Academica of the Salzburg Mozarteum under Sandor Vegh is late Mozart. It offered little scope for musical detection, unlike the "early" contribution to tonight's concert. It is Haydn's Cello Concerto in C (soloist, Miklos Perenyi). Sleuths discovered it in 1961, thick with dust, in the Radenin Collection at the Prague National Museum. In 1978, it was lost again because Eric Gilder's and June Port's *Dictionary of Composers and Their Music*, published in that year, made no mention of it.

Groovin' High: Dizzy Gillespie. *Radio 3, 10.15pm*.
If you heard it on its first transmission on Tuesday, you will know that the final instalment of Derek Drescher's life of the jazz trumpeter features an example of Gillespie at his almost superhuman best. This is his partnering of Oscar Peterson in "Caravan". In terms of notes per second, it can rarely have been equalled. Gillespie's 1989 free improvisation session with bass player Milt Hinton is the stuff of a jazz lover's dreams.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1
FM Stereo and MW. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes (FM) **6.00** Mark Goodier **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright **6.00** News '93 **6.30** Evening Session **8.30** Dance Energy **9.00** The Guest List **10.00** Nicky Campbell Goes into the Night **12.00-4.00am** Bob Harris (FM)

RADIO 2
FM Stereo. **5.00am** Martin Kelner with The Early Show **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Sarah Kennedy **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Jimmy's Cricket Team **7.30** Wally Whyton **9.00** Paul Jones **9.45** Gloria Gaynor **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Steve Madden with Night Ride **3.00-5.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5
News and sport on the hour until **7.00pm**. **6.00am** World Service. Newshour **6.30** Danny Baker's Morning Edition **9.00** Schools Let's Make a Story. **9.15** Together An Assembly for Schools. **9.35** Listening and Reading 3. **9.45** The Song Tree. **10.00** In the News **10.25** Johnnie Walker with The AM Alternative **12.30pm** Wimbledon '93 **7.15** The Storyteller's Tale: Jean Labadie's Big Black Dog by Natalie Savage Carlson Read by Kerry Shale **7.30** Formula Five **8.00** Vibe' **8.30** Outlaws, by Mike Walker (final part) **10.10** Eastern Beat **12.00-12.10am** News Sport

WORLD SERVICE
All times in BST. **4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin. Tips für Touristen **5.30** Londres Matin **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Sports International **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** Network UK **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Good Books **9.30** John Peel **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** From Our Own Correspondent **10.30** The Farming World **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.01** Assignment **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update Noon Newsdesk **12.30pm** Sherlock Holmes **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** Multitrack 2 **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf Lucky Jim **3.45** Sportsworld **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.29** News in French **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** BBC English **5.30** Londres Soir **6.00** News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Meridian **10.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** Network UK **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** News **12.05am** World Business Report **12.15** Music Review **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** In Good Voice **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** On the Move **2.45** Global Concerns **3.00** News **3.30** Sherlock Holmes **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sports Roundup

CLASSIC FM
6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Sarah Ward **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto Mozart (Piano Concerto No 25 in C, K503) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports with Margaret Howard **7.00** The Classic Travel Guide with Bob McCreadie **8.00** Evening Concert: From the Queen Elizabeth Hall, London, the Hanover Band under Roy Goodman performs works by Schumann, Mendelssohn, Mozart and Liszt **10.00** Michael Mappin **1.00-6.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN 1215
6.00am Russ Williams **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Mitch Johnson **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Jonathan Coleman **10.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00** Wendy Lloyd

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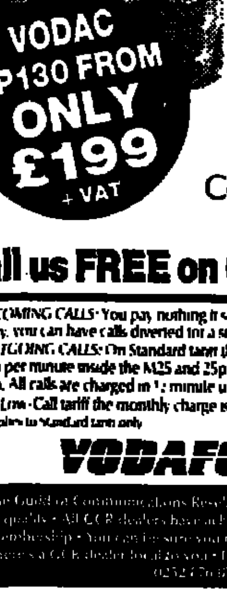

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British wild-card entry joins the big guns in third round of Wimbledon championship

Rising to the challenge: Foster stretches to retrieve a point during his straight-sets victory over Herrera at Wimbledon yesterday. *Photograph: Hugh Routledge*

Happy Agassi advances one step closer

THE big guns are rumbling steadily into position. As though checking their sights and making sure that they all working parts are in order, those carrying the heaviest artillery in the top half of the men's singles draw eased into the third round yesterday.

Ranged with them are a couple of qualifiers — Laurence Tieleman, an Italian living in Belgium, and Patrick Rafter, from the Sunshine Coast of Queensland — and a wild-card entry, Andrew Foster from Stoke on Trent. Are they merely more cannon fodder? We shall see.

Rafter, ranked No 178 in the world, started the tournament last week at the Bank of England Sports Club in Roehampton. From those comparatively humble surroundings, he is about to step into the most glamorous of settings. His sixth match will be against Andre Agassi, the defending champion, who brightened an otherwise mundane day.

Wearing a hat band rather than his usual cap, he looked out of sorts during the first set and lost it. An adjustment was required, and duly carried out. Not only did he move in to take João Cunha-Silva's serve earlier, but he also remembered the events of a year ago. Again choosing to wear a headband in the second round, he dropped the first set, changed back to his cap, and all was then well. History repeated itself. Cuha-Silva, a 25-year-old who has been a member of the Portuguese Davis Cup team since 1984, was beaten 5-7, 6-3, 6-2, 6-0. At one stage Agassi was heard to utter the same foul language which cost Patrick McEnroe $1000. The fine was rightly imposed for his unforgivably appalling display during his match against Chris Bailey on Tuesday. The disgusting vitriole was directed at the umpire.

Agassi's less public outburst was aimed at himself. "Just get the [expletive deleted] thing in," he muttered after missing yet another first serve. Could he recall saying it? "No," he replied, "but I remember thinking it a lot."

Once he stepped in to take his opponent's serve on the rise, the match was wholly within his control. So was the subsequent press conference, in spite of the attempted intervention of an official seated next to him.

Agassi, at ease and plainly enjoying himself, waved aside the interjection of the official when the line of questioning turned to the subject body hair and reports that he had removed it. With a face as straight as it could have been under the risible circumstances, he explained that he had done so to make himself more aerodynamic. Nobody mentioned that the tucking in of his shirt might spoil the desired effect. "It is a revolutinary idea," he continued, "and I may even market it."

His air of relaxation is significant. With so little match play in his build-up, he recognised that it would have been "ridiculous" to claim he would successfully defend his title. Now the prospect is not so absurd, but a genuine threat is looming on his horizon.

At 6ft 5in, Agassi could not fail to notice the tall, angular shape of Richard Krajicek. With the aid of 23 aces, he dismissed his compatriot, Jacco Eltingh, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 in a couple of hours, and should eliminate Tieleman to set up a potentially riveting meeting with Agassi in the last 16. Pete Sampras, like Agassi, has yet to exhibit any evidence of pain or discomfort from his injury.

The top seed, considered by many to be destined to win at Wimbledon at some stage in his career, removed Jamie Morgan, a respected grass-court player, in straight sets.

Morgan was four times on the point of knocking Michael Stich out of the Stella Artois tournament at Queen's a fortnight ago. Yet his match against Sampras was so dull and predictable that more than a few spectators among the sparse crowd in the centre court were seen to be reading, and at least one was asleep.

Sampras's path is ominously clear. He next plays Byron Black, from Zimbabwe and ranked 108 in the world, and will presumably go on to face either Foster or, more probably, Andrei Olhovskiy, from Moscow, for a place in the quarter-final.

Alexander Volkov might have posed problems for Boris Becker in the same arena, but once the fourth seed had won the first set on a tie-break, the resistance of the Russian collapsed and he was beaten 7-6, 6-1, 6-3.

Becker will now play Jakob Hlasek, the conqueror of Mark Petchey.

Petr Korda, the eleventh seed, dropped the first set before knocking out Brad Gilbert, who has gone at least as far as the third round on seven occasions.

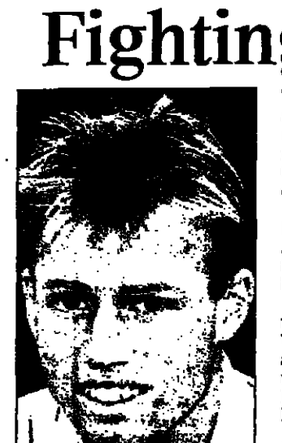
The only seed to fall was the fourteenth, Malivai Washington, who was beaten by a fellow American and more accomplished grass-court player, Aaron Krickstein.

Most of the top half of the women's singles has also followed the scheduled pattern. Yet two seeds were eliminated yesterday and both of them, poignantly, are in the section which features the top seed, Steffi Graf, the clear favourite to retain the title.

Amanda Coetzer, the fourteenth seed, from South Africa, was supposed to play her in the fourth round but she was beaten in straight sets by Shaun Stafford, 6-3, 6-2.

Manuela Maleeva-Fragniere might have faced Graf in the quarter-final but she, too, was beaten in straight sets, 6-3, 6-3, by Naoko Sawamatsu, from Japan, who recently entered the world top 20.

Fighting Petchey goes down as Foster advances



Wood: outplayed

THE pressure is mounting on Britain's tennis hopefuls. After two days of unprecedented success at Wimbledon, reality is fast catching up with them. Of the four in action yesterday, only one advanced.

Mark Petchey, ranked 226, faced the hardest of the challenges to take on Jakob Hlasek, the Swiss veteran who took his country to the Davis Cup final last year.

Hlasek, ranked 46, is a former top-ten player and has been around Wimbledon long enough to know about pressure. Yesterday he soaked it up as Petchey, 22, from Loughton, Essex, chased him all the way, only to lose 6-7, 6-4, 7-6, 2-6, 10-8.

The quality of the tennis may not have been sparkling throughout the three hours 40 minutes of the match, but the crowd on court 13, expecting a British success at every turn, were treated to a test of nerve and courage in the fifth set as Petchey came so close to winning.

He came within two points of victory at 5-4 and then held match point at 6-5 thanks to a thundering backhand pass, only to waste it by dumping a service return into the net. In the end it was too much as the older man broke Petchey to love and edge towards the winning post.

Petchey was bitterly disappointed to have gone so far and ended with nothing. "It was there for the taking" he said. "I did nothing wrong. I gave it everything I had."

He is hoping to learn from the experience and he had a few words of advice for his British colleagues. "This is just one tournament. We have to take what we have done here into the real world and carry it through for the other 11 months of the year."

Where Petchey had been put to the sword, Andrew Foster rose to the occasion to defeat Luis Herrera of Mexico. Herrera was not as difficult a hurdle to overcome as Hlasek, and Foster rattled through in straight sets 6-4, 6-3, 6-4.

Herrera is a versatile player, who claims to like tennis in any shape or form be it slow courts, hard courts or grass, but yesterday he was hung out to dry as Foster gave him no chance to find his feet, blasting services past him one minute and drilling returns past him the next, undoing Herrera's game plan with a series of unstoppable backhands.

Two years ago, Foster decided to change from a two-fisted backhand to the single-handed variety, a dangerous tactic at the advanced age of 19. But, after a thin time getting used to the stroke, it is now a lethal weapon and the switch is paying dividends.

The last few days have given Foster, 21, a taste of the high life, seeing his name in the papers and being congratulated by all and sundry. It has given him a new-found confidence to take his chances when they come. A few months ago he might have crumbled after being broken in the third set but yesterday whenever Herrera threatened, Foster raised his game to pull ahead.

"I was enjoying it so much out there, I didn't think anything was going to stop me" he said. "When I am serving well, everything seems to flow."

Everything was flowing in Clare Wood's game against Steffi Graf yesterday. Unfortunately it was flowing Graf's way as the champion put on a masterclass for the British No 4 and won 6-2, 6-1.

Miles MacLagan also found that experience counts when the chips are down. He took a set from Christo van Rensberg but could not maintain the pace, losing 6-7, 6-4, 6-2, 6-2.

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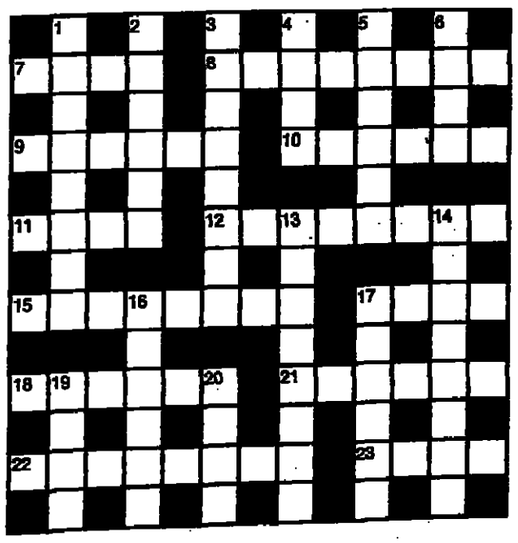

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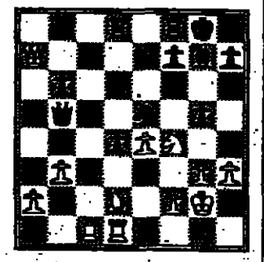

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By Philip Howard

DHARMA
a. A priest
b. Caste custom
c. Mango drink

JUVIA
a. Youthful silliness
b. A Roman road
c. The Brazil nut

FUGLEMAN
a. A horn-player
b. A councillor
c. An exemplary soldier

SOSHI
a. Bamboo shoot soup
b. A gambling game
c. A mercenary agitator

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